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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Communism In Britain

THERE is a common belief that Communism in Britain has ceased to be an active force, that because its numbers have fallen and its MPs been thrown out of Parliament, the danger is no longer there; but the country is in for a very rude awakening. Communism in Britain has virtually ceased to fight a political battle. It is concentrating on the industrial battle—a battle of which some of the more far-sighted industrialists have given warning for some time. The beginnings of the pattern of the battle can already be seen. The Electrical Trade Union, a Communist-controlled body, has given a quick demonstration of an almost diabolically clever plan for the disruption of industry. The union leaders picked key spots throughout Britain where they could rely on their members. A strike was called at one point, and when negotiations opened, there was another strike round the corner; the employers hurried to consider it, and while their backs were turned a third had broken out. In all cases the minimum of men were called out, but they were vital men to the work being done. What was the result? Work stopped without any general calling-out of men. The cost to the union was almost nil—for there were no vast sums of strike pay to hand out.

COMMUNISM in Britain has only one weapon it can use—industrial disruption. And the Electricians have now made it plain that large numbers of men are not needed to cause effective disruption. What would happen if this new method of striking—it is being used in France, too, where they call it the rolling strike—were developed in other industries in Britain? There would be chaos of course. A small, powerful and skilfully-placed group of men could halve industrial production. It is not hard to see what would happen in the coalmines if a few key electricians or hauliers were called out; or to the railways if maintenance men stopped work; or to the motor-car industry if the shop stewards had the signal to cause major disruption. The Communists can be relied on to know precisely where to stick their pins in the map to cause the most damage, and it is ridiculous wishful thinking to believe that the men who will cause the damage have not already been planted.

IN the face of a threat like this Mr Arthur Greenwood's words to the TUC recently make nonsense. He said: "We have our ups and downs as is the case with all family life. As in a large family, rich in characters and personalities, our differences can be boisterous, but like all families we can close our ranks and face the outside world resolute and united." That, first of all, is not true—for the Socialist movement is riven far deeper than Mr Greenwood admits. And secondly if it were true it has no business to be true. And in view of the dangers, the Conservatives should not now be blithely saying: "We stand on our record." They should be evolving a new, vigorous and healthy policy. Its basis should be Ownership. The responsibility and personal pride in ownership are the only answers to Communism. It is one of the great stabilising influences—and it is a battle between responsible ownership and destructive communalisation that is going to have to be fought in the coming years.

Beria Sensation: Escape Report Believed Well Founded



LAVRENTI BERIA

Italian Murdered By Mau Mau

Nairobi, Sept. 20. African terrorists murdered an Italian farmer named Beccaloni on his estate four miles from Timau, North Kenya, this morning, East Africa Command Headquarters reported tonight.

Signor Beccaloni was shot dead as he was alighting from his car to open a farm gate. His body was slashed with pangas (chopping knives). A young African, who was in the car with him, was slightly wounded.

Seven Africans murdered an African here in a vain bid to steal a cash box—but were killed because the box was chained down. The man, Pethraj Mankaji, was standing in the Nairobi Police office on Friday night when the gang, two armed with pistols, tried to seize the cash box. They knocked Mankaji down, fired two shots into him, then made off on bicycles. Mankaji died in hospital.—Reuter.

Ex-King Zog Leaving Egypt

Cairo, Sept. 20. Ex-King Zog of Albania will leave Egypt for good on October 18 because of the Egyptian government's withdrawal of its offer of recognition of the Royal Albanian Legation here, a source close to the monarch said today.

He said the former monarch would go to Paris and decide there whether to settle in France or proceed to the United States, as reported earlier. Zog, his wife ex-Queen Geraldine, his son Prince Leka, four sisters and Court officials numbering 60 sought refuge here in 1945 after the Communists took over Albania.—United Press.

Death Of Churchill Rumour Officially Denied

Nice, Sept. 20. Rumours of British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's death were officially denied here tonight.

The denial was issued by the prefecture of the French Department of "Alpes Maritimes" in liaison with the police inspector in charge of Prime Minister Churchill's security.

Officials of the Alpes Maritimes Prefecture also declared that the British Prime Minister's health had not deteriorated during today (Sunday), according to reports reaching this prefecture.

US SENATOR'S DISCLOSURE Mystery Man Seeks Asylum

Washington, Sept. 20.

Although an official spokesman tonight declared that the State Department had received no confirmation through diplomatic channels that Lavrenti Beria, former Soviet Minister of the Interior, was a refugee "in a neutral country," a United States senator (who did not wish to be quoted by name) said that some circles in the Senate were convinced that Beria, who in addition to his other posts was Chief of the Soviet Secret Police, had fled to a country outside the Soviet orbit.

The New York Daily News had earlier printed reports that Colonel Amoss, former officer of the United States Office of Strategic Services, had been contacted in Munich on July 29 by a Soviet commander who told him Beria had escaped by plane.

The unnamed American senator told the press today that a mysterious person, who might have been Beria, had contacted a representative of the Senatorial Investigation Sub-committee, headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy, and has asked for political asylum in the United States.

The senator stated that the mysterious man was willing to disclose the secrets of the Kremlin in return for asylum. The senator said he would not be surprised if the man turned out to be Beria, and he believed he had asked for at least temporary asylum in America. He added that if so, Beria could give the United States some very valuable information if it was possible to keep him alive. The same senator said the State Department would publish a statement on the subject in the very near future.

The senator declared that a representative of the Senatorial Investigation Sub-committee had gone to a certain neutral non-Communist country in Europe about a month ago and had talked with the fugitive. This representative was convinced that the man was Beria, the senator said. He declared that Beria, or the man claiming to be Beria, had escaped from the Soviet Union with three assistants in a plane.

FULLY PROTECTED

Beria was fully protected for the moment in his present hiding place, the senator declared, adding that Beria, if he were to be received in the United States, consented to speak only to Senator McCarthy or to Vice President Richard Nixon. The senator added that Beria had not broken with Communism but had agreed to speak for the sake of revenge against his enemies in the Soviet Union. There were Communists in Mexico who were loyal to Beria and had tried to arrange asylum for him in the United States. If this were refused he might go to one of the South American countries, the informant said.

The senator said that Senator McCarthy through a go-between had exchanged at least four messages on the subject with

Earl Browder, former head of the American Communist Party.

However, Earl Browder when asked by reporters in New York to comment on the senator's statement, said he knew nothing of the affair. Senator McCarthy refused all comment on the reports. A State Department official, also questioned on the subject, denied all knowledge of the reported escape and declared that he would be the most surprised man in the world if the story were true.

The news of Beria's dismissal from the Communist Party and from his high government post was first released on July 10 by the Soviet Radio. He was described by Moscow reports as a "traitor and a spy in the pay of the imperialists." It was announced that he would be turned over to the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union for trial.

Since then Soviet sources have revealed no further news of Beria's fate, merely stating that his case had been submitted to the Supreme Court. The date or place of his trial has never been announced.—France-Press.

LONDON SCEPTICAL

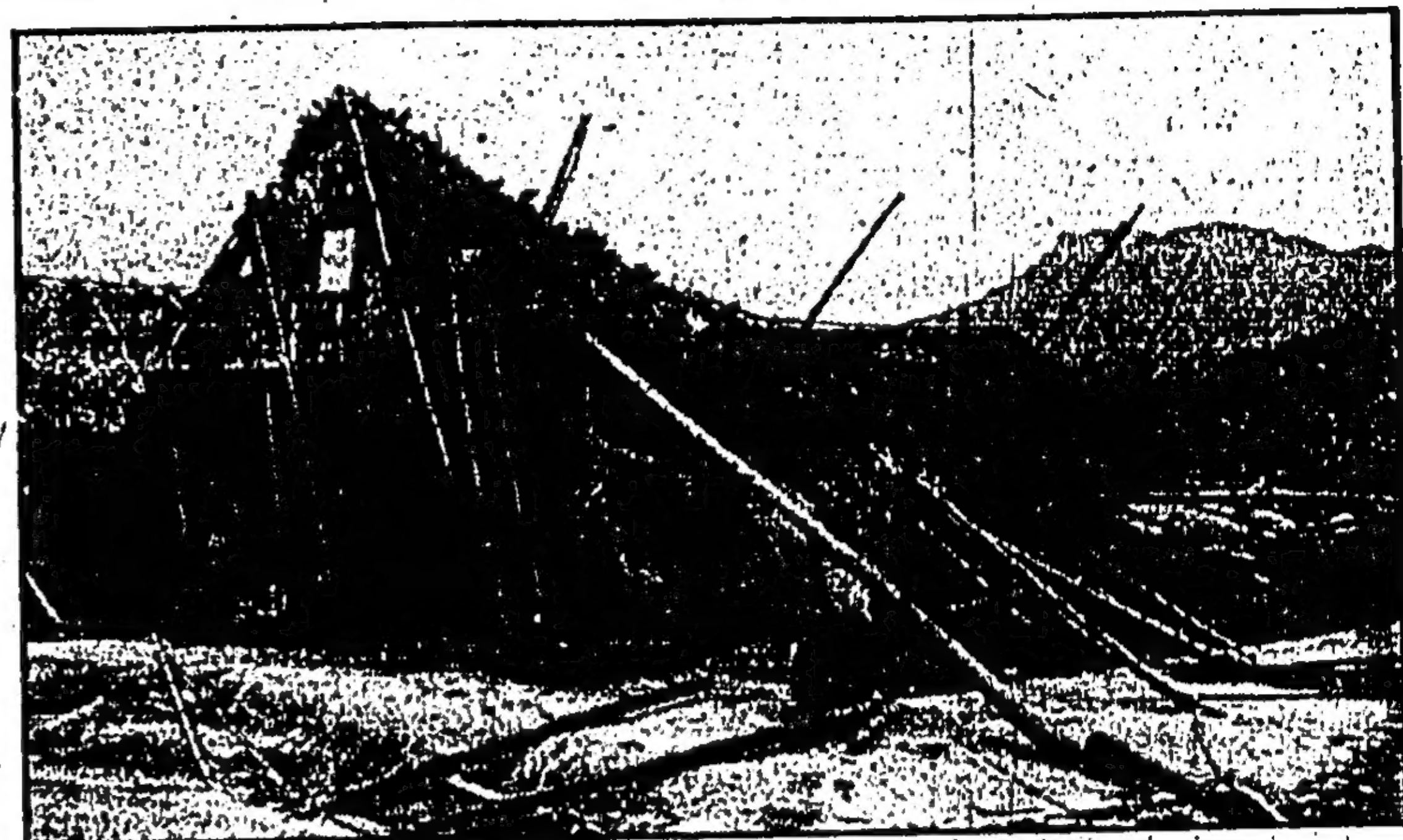
London, Sept. 20. Diplomatic quarters here tonight gave little credence to press reports that Lavrenti Beria, the former Soviet police chief, had escaped from Russia.

These quarters were sceptical about the reports because only recently there has been public mention in the Soviet Union of the "communist trial" of the former State Security chief and Minister for the Interior, who emerged as Russia's number two leader after the death of Marshal Stalin.

A Moscow journal for young Communist "pioneers" from the years of nine to 14, recently referring to the "imperialist crimes" of Beria, said he had been committed for trial.

These same words—"committed for trial"—were used in June by V.M. Bakradzhe, the Georgian Prime Minister, when he thanked the Supreme Soviet for the measures it had taken to "unmask Beria's capitalist faith." Though it has been noted here that the word "arrest" was not used when the world was told of Beria's disgrace and fall, Russian language experts here said that they attached no importance to the omission of this word.

The reason is that the word "arrest" is not common in the Russian language. Diplomatic quarters here therefore believe that Beria is in one of the Russian jails, probably the famous Lubianka prison in Moscow.—Reuter.



Cold Shoulder For Peking
Moscow-N. Korea Talks Effect

London, Sept. 20. The outcome of the Soviet-North Korean talks in Moscow pointed today to a speedy evacuation of North Korea by the Chinese Communist "volunteers" and indicated a growing coolness between Moscow and Peking.

This is the way the development of Soviet-Korean-Chinese relations is seen here in the light of Premier Georgi Malenkov's speech on the Russian radio last night. Observers pointed to two significant aspects of Russian relations with her Asiatic partners, revealed by the Moscow talks:

1. The extent of Soviet economic assistance to North Korea is larger, both comparatively and in specific terms, than that given to Communist China.
2. Premier Malenkov's speech gives evidence—for the first time since Stalin's death—that Russia is more than ever decided to act as the champion of all Asiatic peoples and as a supreme arbiter between them.

DIPLOMATIC DEFEAT

The overall impression here is that the Moscow agreement is a great diplomatic victory for Russia and a defeat for Communist China, which saved the North Korean regime from collapse by sacrificing a considerable number of her troops in the Korean war, apparently getting nothing in exchange. Russia, on the contrary, seems to have secured at even greater hold on North Korea by offering badly-needed economic help. By the terms of the agreement, Russia will furnish North Korea with everything from consumer goods to power stations and technical advisers. Soviet influence in the country is bound to grow.—United Press.

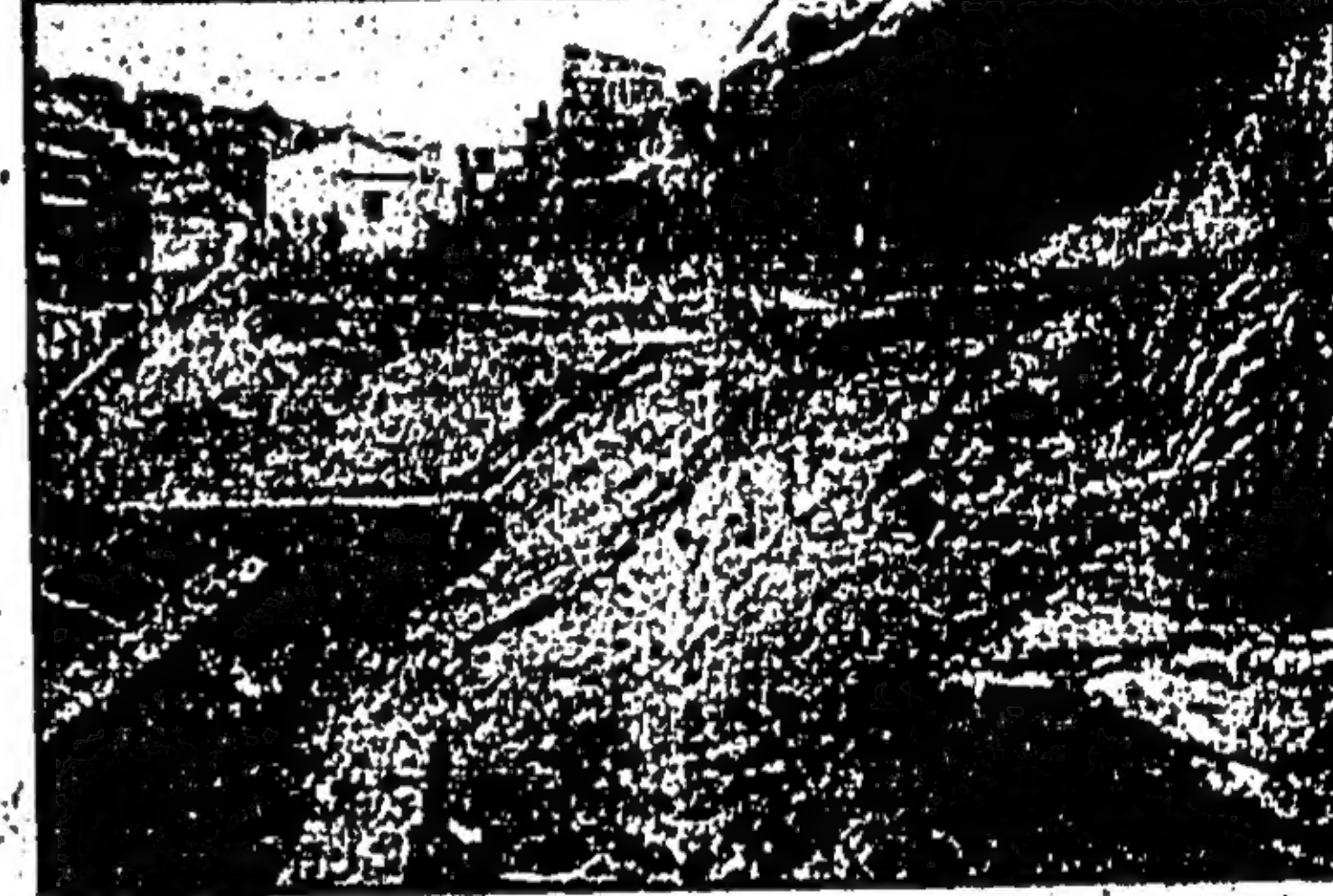
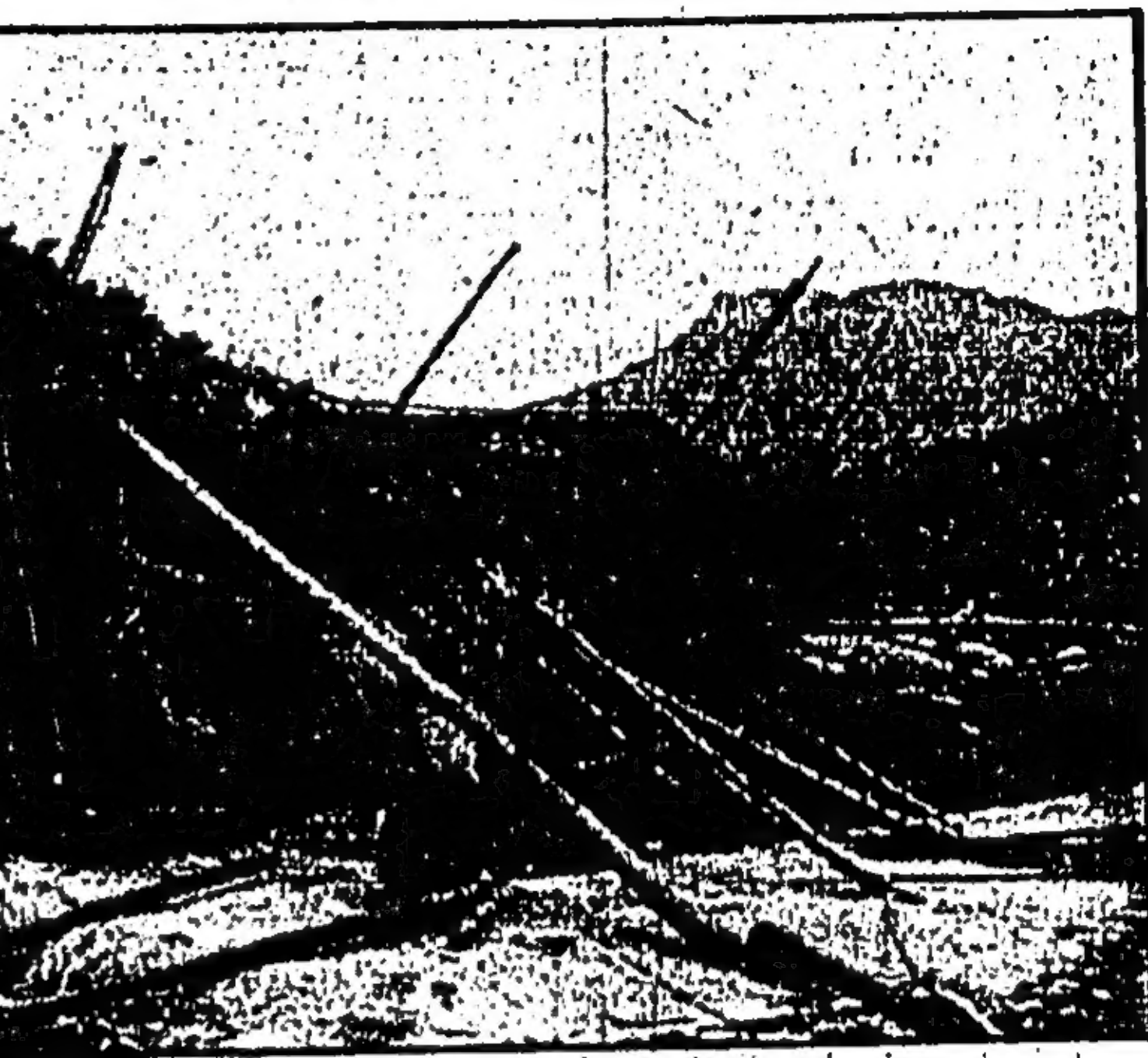
BOYS SET OFF EXPLOSION

New York, Sept. 20. Two young boys broke into a school today to play at being chemists. They set off a laboratory explosion and fire that sent both to hospital with critical injuries.—United Press.

Liner Goes To Ship's Assistance

Brest, Sept. 20. The 44,350-ton crack French liner Ile de France was tonight speeding to the assistance of the Liberian steamer Greenville in difficulties in mid-Atlantic. Radio messages received here from the Ile de France said she was ten miles from the 6,323-ton steamer. The Ile de France is bound for New York and the Greenville is in passage from Montreal to Britain.—Reuter.

What Typhoon Susan And The Heavy Rains Did



Although the Colony was spared the full force of Typhoon Susan last week, the gale winds and the heavy rains which accompanied them did some damage. Top picture shows a matted building levelled, and above one of the several landslides which caused casualties.—Staff Photographer.

Today's Big Speech By Vyshinsky

New York, Sept. 21. Mr Andrei Vyshinsky will make a big speech in the United Nations today which may prove one of the most important ever delivered by the Chief Soviet Delegate.

The former Russian Foreign Minister is expected to reply to the plea for easing world tension made on Thursday by Mr John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State.

At the same time he would reinforce his attempt to reopen discussion of the Korean peace conference arrangements formally lodged on Saturday in a request for debate.

This request, expected to be subject of bitter debate, asks that four Asian neutrals—India, Indonesia, Burma and Pakistan—be invited to the peace conference.

The United States opposes this and wants the Assembly to abide by an earlier decision restricting the conference to the belligerents and Russia. The impression persisted at United Nations headquarters that Mr Vyshinsky might have something of interest to say about disarmament—a matter about which East and West have been unable to agree.

He hinted earlier this year that the new Soviet leaders had a different approach to the matter and invited the West to meet them half way along "the tunnel of friendship."

But United Nations delegates were not hopeful of a positive response to Mr Dulles' speech.—Reuter.

FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES

Rome, Sept. 20. Torrential rains caused floods and landslides across Italy last night and early today, killing five persons.

Four workers were killed at Limerzo near Genoa when a landslide buried a hut where they had sought refuge from the rain.

A 17-year-old boy was drowned on Tuesday when flood waters washed away a bridge over the flooded Maddalena River.—United Press.

A PROBLEM IN PROTOCOL

London, Sept. 20. It will require the services of an expert in protocol to decide who gets the star billing in a new play which goes into rehearsal in London next week.

The play, N. C. Hunter's "A Day at the Sea," has three knights and a dame in its cast. They are Sir Ralph Richardson, Sir Lewis Casson, Sir John Gielgud and Dame Sybil Thorne.



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Rioting By African Mobs

INDIAN STORES SET ON FIRE

Durban, Sept. 20. African mobs set fire to eight Indian stores and damaged and looted at least six others in a wave of rioting in Cato Manor—a native shanty area near Durban—tonight after an Indian bus driver ran over and killed an African.

An African was shot dead in the act of setting fire to a shop when police opened fire. The riots were set off when, according to eye witnesses, an African boy tried to board a moving bus, owned and driven by an Indian, Deovrain Bobby Singh.

The boy fell under the wheels of the bus and was killed. Police who rushed to the spot found that the bus had been set on fire and several Indian shops were ablaze.

POLICE STONED

Africans stoned the police van which first arrived on the scene. Police reinforcements were called while the whole of the city area was alerted against further outbreaks of violence. By the time the reinforcements arrived in the shanty area, several more Indian shops were in flames.

A fire brigade pump broke down while firemen were trying to extinguish one fire. The shop was gutted.

Eighty police rushed to the scene were ordered to shoot any African found looting or burning, while 80 others, under the District Commandant, patrolled the hills and shack settlements.

There were no police casualties, but a number of police vehicles were damaged by stones thrown by the rioters. Police armed with Sten guns and rifles patrolled the streets in cars, arresting ten looting Africans and holding a further 40 as suspects.—Reuter.

At midnight police officially stated that five Indian shops were gutted, eight damaged by fire and stoning, and two private Indian homes gutted.

Twenty-six Africans, including one woman, have been detained for looting, arson or housebreaking. One child was also detained. The situation at midnight was reported as "dead quiet."—Reuter.

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Discovery Of A New Asteroid

Brussels, Sept. 20.

The Royal Observatory here has discovered a new star in the constellation of Pices which has been provisionally named 1953 RA.

Foreign observatories have been asked to watch for the star, which is calculated to be about six kilometres (about 3 1/2 miles) in diameter and about 53,000,000 kilometres (about 32,000,000 miles) from the earth.

The "star" evidently refers to a small asteroid within the solar system itself.—Reuter.

"MacLean Fever" In Vienna

Rash Of Reports On Missing Woman

Vienna, Sept. 20.

The hunt for the missing Mrs Melinda MacLean switched underground today among the informers and spies of this city, divided between East and West.

British security agents, trying to pick up the trail of the American-born woman who vanished as suddenly as her British diplomat-husband, are satisfied that she is not in any of the Western-occupied areas of Austria.

Police today turned from interrogating taxi drivers, hotel clerks and station porters who might have seen her to the shadowy underground groups that flourish under divided rule.

These are the men who—at a price—help people to slip across the frontiers of the neighbouring Communist countries, despite the rifles and tommyguns of the guard. For a price too, they will tell one power what they know of another's secrets.

The British authorities are believed to be getting friendly help and collaboration from their American colleagues but it was stressed that the United States intelligence organisation is not taking any official part in the hunt.

Security officers say privately they are working almost completely on the theory that Mrs MacLean has gone to a Communist country, perhaps to join her husband, Donald.

The British as well as Austrian police are sifting a mass of reports from people who think they might have seen the missing woman. But though a "MacLean fever" has induced many people to phone the police stations with "positive information," none of it has been substantiated.—Reuter.

Thailand Not Worried

Secret Printing Presses Set Up By American Reds

Washington, Sept. 20. The Senate Internal Security sub-Committee today disclosed testimony that the Communists have secret printing presses to grind out propaganda if the Party goes underground.

The testimony, taken in secret last Spring and released today, also asserted that large amounts of Red propaganda were entering the United States through Soviet bloc Embassies or illegal mail shipments.

The hearings, conducted by a sub-Committee "task force" headed by Senator Herman Welles (Republican, Idaho), included testimony by five former Communists, three of whom were undercover agents for the FBI.

These and other witnesses testified:

1. The Communist Party established printing facilities in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, New York City, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Alameda County, California, and near Birmingham, Alabama.

2. A Washington, D.C., printing shop printed leaflets for the Communists and office forms for Iron Curtain Embassies.

3. From 5,000 to 7,500 bags of mail arriving in New York monthly are subject to examination as foreign language groups in this country. This does not include material brought in by diplomatic pouch and smuggling or addressed to registered agents of foreign powers.

4. The Communist Party distributed small portable mimeographs for Communists to hide in their homes for emergencies.

EX-RED'S STORY The sub-Committee recommended amending the internal security law to require the Communist Party and its fronts to register all propaganda-printing devices, from presses to mimeographs.

It also suggested that every foreign diplomat or consular officer who speaks political propaganda be required to register as a foreign agent.

A former Communist, Paul Crouch, swore that the Communist Party in 1935 or 1936 installed a linotype press and other equipment in the back of a book store in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, across the street from the University of North Carolina.

"Its chief aim was for the Communist Party to have facilities during underground conditions for a war between America and the Soviet Union," said Crouch.

"This press was to be operated to produce illegal literature through the district."

HUNGARIAN FARMING IN BAD SHAPE

Vienna, Sept. 20.

Mr Andreas Hegedus, Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, has told collective farmers there are "great mistakes in our agriculture due more to the bad policy of the Government than to slackness of the farmers," Budapest Radio said today.

The Minister told a conference of collective farm leaders in Budapest that "dissatisfaction rules" in most of the country's collective farms.

Collective farm members get little money and their share of the produce grown was small, he said. Their standard of living must "unconditionally" be raised to that of the free middle class farmers, the Minister said.

Mr Hegedus said: "To some extent there has also been bad work in the collective farms."

"Despite the generally good harvest the supply of bread grains has not been yet assured," he said. "This year's supply of fodder is also still too small"—Reuter.

Michael Foot On Warpath

Leek, Sept. 20.

Britain should say she will not take part in any new fighting in Korea, Mr Michael Foot, left wing Labour Member of Parliament, said tonight. The primary aim of Britain on both sides of the Atlantic should be to prevent wars breaking out again, he said, but they did not seem to be trying to do this.

The British Government seemed to have "collapsed" in the United Nations, Mr Foot charged.

Negotiations were the only alternative to a third world war, but it seemed that the American Government was "shutting its doors in the face of any such negotiations."

By Red Threat

Bangkok, Sept. 20.

The threat of an invasion of Thailand is more imaginary than real, at least for the time being, in the opinion of well-informed sources here.

One source told the United Press today that so long as Indo-China and Burma remain outside the Red orbit the danger of an invasion of this country is slight. But if both Burma and Indo-China go Red, the source said, "Thailand will be so ripe as to need no plucking."

With trouble on all sides of her frontiers—Burma, Indo-China and Malaya—the Government is strengthening all branches of the country's defences, especially the army and the air force, to meet any possible threat of attack from outside.

The well-equipped Thai police forces are capable of preserving internal security, which is why the Communist underground gangs have so far been unable to be more active. The police have their own mechanised units, helicopters and paratroop squads to meet any threat of an internal uprising.

The only branch of the Thai defence forces which is not being augmented is the Royal Navy.

The Government is keeping a close watch on the Communist-sponsored autonomous Thai State established in Southern Yunnan Province through which, observers believe, the Reds are planning to take over Thailand by the common Communist pattern of subversion and infiltration.

STRONG UNITS

Police sources said the Communists have already sent in strong underground units into the country and despite incessant police raids a large number are still at large.

Against external aggression, Thailand is counting on the Western Democracies and the United Nations as it is generally conceded that the country's armed forces are not big and strong enough to repel full-scale aggression. Well-informed sources, however, believe that the defence forces are capable of checking an attack until aid from the Western Democracies or the United Nations arrives.

Thailand's greatest threat is Communist China. Close observers fear that if the Chinese Communists decide to move south, their troops may use the same routes where the Chinese Nationalist guerrillas are now operating and penetrate to a point near the Gulf of Martaban in the Indian Ocean.

There is no fear that officers of Burmese tribesmen or Indo-Chinese "nationalists" during his tour of the frontier areas at the height of the Communist invasion of Laos last spring, Premier Phibun Songgram was asked whether he feared an invasion by Ho Chi Minh's Red hordes. The Premier mapped back at one correspondent: "Go back and study Thai history and see whether Thailand has ever been beaten by the Yuan—the Thai name for Annamese or Vietnamese."

On the home front the Government is paying increasing attention to the needs of the common people. The most controversial legislation now in process is a land reform bill which aims at giving land to the landless population.—United Press.

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A SIGNIFICANT POINTER

French Public Opinion Reflected By Radicals

Japan's Defence Forces

Plan Redrafted By "General Staffs"

Tokyo, Sept. 21. The strength of the National Security Force—future home defence army of Japan—will be boosted from its present 110,000 to 130,000 men during the 1954-55 period, according to a plan redrafted by the National Security Board, the Tokyo Shimbun reported.

The plan, the journal said, was drafted by General Staff No. 1 (Army) and General Staff No. 2 (Navy) of the National Security Board on the basis of Premier Yoshida's instructions given on September 16.

In giving instructions Premier Yoshida was said to have emphasised the following two points:

1. Every care should be taken so that maintenance of the expanded security force may not jeopardise the Japanese economy, and

2. The scale of the expanded National Security Force should not be large enough to create fear among other nations in Asia that Japan would soon re-emerge as a military power.

The paper pointed out that the new defence build-up is 20 to 30% smaller in scale than the first plan made public on September 11.

The first of the plan is as follows:

The first strength of the N.S.F. will be boosted by 20,000 men during the 1954-55 period.

The total strength of the N.S.F. ground forces will reach 170,000-180,000 or 190,000 men at the end of the five-year defence build-up plan.

One of these three plans will be adopted.

Naval strength will be about 140,000 tons and air strength will be limited to 800-1,000 planes at the largest, the paper said.—Reuter.

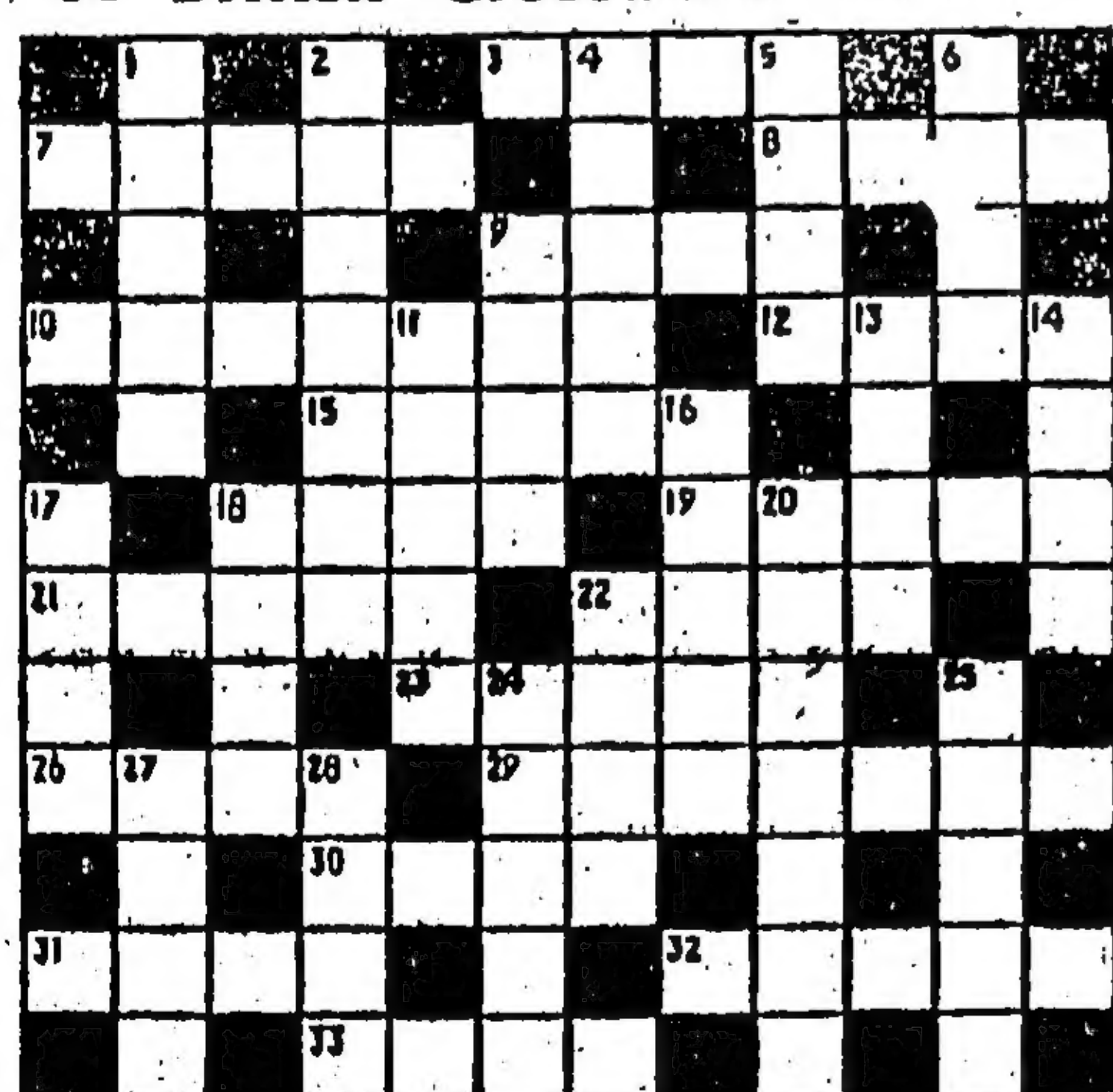
Repatiation Of War Prisoners

San Francisco, Sept. 20. The repatriation of American war prisoners reached its end today when the U.S. Naval Transport General L. W. Brewster arrived here with 30 prisoners of war. They brought to more than 3,000 the former prisoners returned home by sea since the Armistice was signed.

The ninth and last ship is due next Wednesday.

The Communists released about 8,500 Americans, many of whom have been sent back to the United States by air.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Young animal (4)
 - Sumptuous repast (8)
 - Smooth (4)
 - Kneels (4)
 - Church dignitary (7)
 - Accurate (4)
 - Vigilant (5)
 - Cease (4)
 - Fellers (5)
 - Foreign (5)
 - Send out (8)
 - Nobleman (4)
 - Agrees to (7)
 - Responsibility (4)
 - Ledge (4)
 - Strip of leather (5)
 - Catalogue (4)
- DOWN**
- Core (5)
 - Set upon (7)
 - Flower (5)
 - Inclination (4)
 - Dandy (4)
 - Pace (4)
 - Solitary (5)
 - Source (4)
 - Compass point (4)
 - Hues (5)
 - Mist (4)
 - Ancestor (4)
 - Blush of ribbons (7)
 - Salute on the lips (4)
 - Manhandles (8)
 - Purloin (5)
 - Wickedness (4)
 - Turn over and over (4)
- SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Armada, 7. Erin, 9. Hunt, 10. Local, 11. Ania, 13. Destroying, 16. Toss, 16. Plan, 18. Politeness, 23. Dope, 24. Great, 25. Depot, 26. Glen, 27. Riddle, 28. Down, 2. Route, 3. Alter, 4. Alloy, 5. Decanter, 6. Tilt, 8. Range, 14. Spruce, 15. Doped, 16. Toss, 17. Adore, 18. Litter, 20. Ended, 21. Appeal, 22. Oals.

Party Congress Indicates Distrust Of Germany

Aix-les-Bains, Sept. 20. The French Government will get little comfort in its difficulties over the European Army Treaty from the Congress of the Radical Party which ended here today.

Less numerous than before the war, the Radical Party still remains very representative of the average Frenchman and the temper of this year's Congress constitutes a significant pointer to the state of French public opinion.

The Congress showed that the French upper and lower middle classes are certainly not indifferent to the question of transferring part of their national sovereignty to a super-national body in which they fear a strong Germany will play a dominating part.

Bidault Replies To Adenauer

Paris, Sept. 20. The French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, replied to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's proposal for a meeting on Franco-German relations was sent to Bonn today.

The French Foreign Office said yesterday that M. Bidault had accepted the proposal for discussions of mutual problems.

The contents of the French reply are expected to be released tomorrow.—Reuter.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT'S REMAINS

Request By Ireland

Dublin, Sept. 20. The Irish Government will once again try to recover from Britain the remains of Sir Roger Casement, the Irish Nationalist and one-time British Consul-General, who was hanged by the British as a traitor in 1916.

Casement had been found guilty of assisting Germany during the First World War.

A committee has been specially formed and will bring a legal case against the British Government in London's Queen's Bench.

Up to now the British Government had said that Casement's body had been buried, like those of others who suffered the death penalty, in quicklime and had disappeared.

The Irish claim to have a document showing that his body was buried in a coffin, and they want it dug up.

They wish to transfer it to Murlough in Antrim where a plaque to Casement's memory was recently unveiled by the Irish Prime Minister, Mr. Eamon de Valera, before a large crowd of Irish Nationalists from the Northern Counties.—France-Press.

A crowded audience of over 1,000 delegates listened with rapt attention yesterday for five continuous hours of speeches by Radical leaders for and against the European Army.

Advocates and adversaries got their shares of applause but the adversaries seemed to make the deeper impression.

M. Edouard Herriot, who as Speaker of the National Assembly and as a veteran statesman of France enjoys immense influence, wound up the debate by saying: "I am not hostile to a European community. I am hostile to this particular treaty."

My conviction is that most of those who approve the treaty and even some of those who signed it have never read it."

M. Herriot said the additional protocols drawn up since the treaty was signed "have changed nothing on some objectionable points."

In particular he demanded the elimination of article 11 under which there was no limitation of the strength of the international police force Germany could build up.

FIRST ESSENTIAL Both M. Herriot and M. Edouard Daladier, French Premier at the outbreak of World War II, said negotiations with the Russians must come first.

They made clear their opinions that the hopes of successfully negotiating with the Russians for an agreed state of equilibrium in Europe could not be reconciled with insistence on carrying out the European Army Treaty at all costs.

Even the advocates of the treaty, the particular M. Rene Mayer who was Premier during the first half of this year, were forced to say that various conditions must be fulfilled before ratification could be envisaged.

Including a settlement of the Saar question, talks with the Russians and a satisfactory form of British association.

When the temper of militant patriotism was noticeable in all discussions whether on home or foreign affairs. Observers got the impression that France is emerging increasingly from the depressing and demoralising effect of four years of enemy occupation.

The Congress discussed French North Africa. Radical Deputy Henri Cailleval said European integration was difficult to reconcile with the maintenance and development of France's overseas territories.

VITAL INTERESTS At a private banquet given to his own particular followers in the Radical Party, ex-Premier Daladier went much further. He said: "The advocates of the treaty at home and abroad want to cut us off from North Africa. Do not worry, my friends. We shall see to it that France's vital interests are preserved."

Taken together with a strongly worded reminder of their opposition to the treaty issued last week by the Gaullist and the disaffected Gaullist groups in the National Assembly, the Radical Congress has contributed to the project of scuttling its defence forces and has strengthened its position in favour of its understanding with Russia if possible at the cost of dropping or modifying the European Army scheme if necessary for that purpose.

The Congress reiterated Sir Winston Churchill's demand made recently for a four-power meeting "at the highest level."

The Congress, which repeated the demand in its final resolution, added that such a meeting should negotiate on all outstanding problems in spirit of mutual comprehension and reciprocal concession in order to make possible co-existence.

FOUR FACTORS The resolution also stated the Party's "attachment to the European Community and welcomed the promising beginning of the Coal and Steel Community."

The resolution added that the Congress "regrets that the international situation has prematurely posed the problem of the military community."

The Congress, the resolution said, "substantiated ratification of the EDC treaty to four factors: Adoption of an inter-national statute for the Saar; The validity of the additional protocols; The establishment of a common political authority; and

a supra-national Executive Council responsible to a democratically elected Assembly, and The restrictions already existing on national police force."

LEFTIST'S CALL M. Pierre Mendes-France, leftist Radical and prominent critic of current French economic and foreign policies, called on France to "break with the past."

"If we wish to give hope to the younger generation, the first thing we must do is to break with the past," he told the delegates.

"Things must change. We must outline detailed structural reforms, display more imagination and greater initiative in Indo-China and stop our perpetual begging policy abroad."

M. Mendes-France said the recent strikes showed the workers wanted a "new deal." The strikes were neither wholly political nor wholly due to working conditions, he said. Some strikers could not accurately express their reasons for striking. The strikes "were the result of disappointment and despair."

The French working class, he said, would not stand for any more "double dealing." Privileges and flagrant social injustice which revolved foreign critics must be swept away.

"Part of the nation should affect a certain sobriety which does not necessarily mean austerity," M. Mendes-France said.

"We must cut down on our luxury spending which is in contrast to existing misery."

An Automatic Helmsman



On exhibit at Olympia, London, is this automatic helmsman. Its use will enable about 22 hours to be saved on a voyage of 7,000 miles (for example, from Vancouver to Sydney) and it works in conjunction with a gyro-compass.—Express Photo.

Soviet Union's Long-Range Plan For E. Germany

Berlin, Sept. 20. The Soviet Union has now started in earnest on a long-term plan to make East Germany economically sound.

This move, forecast frequently in the past few months by East German Communist speakers, has taken solid shape since the Moscow agreement on August 23.

Under the agreement, East Germany gets back 33 large industrial concerns from Soviet control, her occupation costs are cut, no more reparations will go rolling east after January 1, 1954 and she will receive surplus credits and goods as well as having her post-war debts annulled.

Behind this, presumably, lies the idea that a more prosperous East Germany will entice hard-headed West German politicians and economists to pay more attention to Moscow's proposals for unification.

Western propaganda argues that the Moscow agreement does for East Germany what the West in great part already did a long time ago for West Germany. But it is a fact that the agreement will strengthen East German industry.

This, together with the East German efforts to attract more consumer goods from Western suppliers, is taken here as a clear indication that one of the prime aims in Moscow and East Berlin is now to give the average East German a far better deal than he has had in the past.

The Berliner and nearly every East German would certainly say that the move is long overdue. Living standards throughout East Germany, judged by people who have travelled in other East European Socialist States, are extremely low.

SLIGHT REVERSAL Within the last few weeks, there has already been a slight reversal of the downward trend in living standards. Food is less scarce—quite apart from the relatively small increase brought about by free food parcels distributed in West Berlin—and there is every prospect of more consumer goods in the State shops soon if official promises are carried out.

But few people in Berlin, Soviet East or Capitalist West, would deny that the average West German worker gets much more for his money than the average East German worker.

While the Moscow agreement was at first dismissed by many people as a move to influence the West German elections on September 6, it is now regarded primarily as the first step, on a long-term basis, to build up East Germany into a strong economic unit.

One of the main objections to the move, however, is that it would be a step towards the prospect of unity with East Germany, like the West German, has been.

Eisenhower-Stevenson Struggle In 1956 Forecast

Washington, Sept. 20. The Democratic Party Convention held in Chicago last week points the way to another Eisenhower-Stevenson electoral struggle in 1956, political observers believe.

For Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic presidential candidate defeated by President Eisenhower last year, has succeeded in securing behind him a marked degree of political unity among Democratic Party leaders.

And it is not usual in American politics for a defeated candidate to maintain his leadership of the Party.

It, as seems likely at this point, Mr. Stevenson gains the Democratic nomination for the Presidency again in 1956, he will be achieving a feat not seen more than a dozen times before in major American parties.

The Republicans are following the Democratic rally with a minor one of their own, which is being conducted without the presence of the main figure of the Party.

President Eisenhower remains in his holiday retreat at Denver, Colorado.

Though much can happen in the next three years there seems no reason to doubt that President Eisenhower will be nominated again as the Party's choice in 1956.

At the Democratic Rally last week the major party rifts which usually follow an electoral defeat were patched up.

All but the most extreme partisans in the Northern liberals versus Southern White Supreme Conservatives dispute, which split the Party last year, sought at Chicago to bridge their differences.

COMPROMISE DEVICES They achieved such compromise devices as a study committee to review the sterile procedural issues in which their differences were manifested at the last party convention.

With consummate tact, both ex-President Truman and ex-candidate Stevenson found acceptable titles for each other in the Party hierarchy.

Mr. Truman bowed Mr. Stevenson to his seat as the titular head of the Party and the leading candidate for its Presidential nomination.

Mr. Stevenson, the idol of the Party's Liberal intelligentsia, bowed Mr. Truman to a seat of equal status as "Mr. Democrat," the living symbol of Party unity and tradition, usually personified by an elder statesman.

Mr. Stevenson, who had just returned from a world tour, appeared to observers to be much more at ease with both press and politicians, more of a professional politician and able to speak with new authority on foreign affairs.

NOT CHALLENGED No one in the Democratic Party has challenged Mr. Stevenson's position as leader.

In the other major party, no one is likely to challenge the President's party position between now and the next election.

For the Republican Party not to offer him the chance of a second term would be regarded as a humiliating confession of inadequacy after the Party's first term in power since 1953.

Mr. Eisenhower himself asked for a one-term president. But the Republican victory was partly a result of Mr. Eisenhower's personal popularity.—China Mail Special.

BRITISH COMMENT The Observer said today the speeches made last week by Mr. Adlai Stevenson, American Democratic leader, and Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, showed strikingly the break in the continuity of American foreign policy since the Republicans took over.

Mr. Stevenson's Chicago speech brought back "the voice of the good-neighbourly America" who, in the years up to 1952, had gathered around her so large a community of free nations and who had established so strong a claim to effective world leadership.

This independent newspaper said the speech recognised that "the best means to make friends and influence people is to have an open mind on the views and interests of others and peaceable readiness to negotiate and compromise."

On the other hand, the newspaper said, the substance of the Dulles speech to the United Nations General Assembly was "without compromises."

The Observer said: "It is no way to peace to make demands which could only be realised as a result of a victorious war."

RAILWAY STRIKE EXPECTED Guatemala City, Sept. 20. A strike which would paralyse Guatemala's railways is expected this week, Mr. Harold Harcourt, Vice-President of the British and American-owned International Railways of Central America, said today.

Negotiations over wage demands between the company and the union representing 6,000 railway workers were broken off yesterday.—Reuter.

Huge Cost Of Allied Occupation

Vienna, Sept. 20. The Allied occupation has cost Austria over 27,000 million schillings (almost £378,000,000) in eight years, according to figures published in the Austrian newspapers.

In addition, acceptance of Allied military script currency has cost Austria some 1,000 million schillings (about £14,000,000).

The total of 27,000 million schillings does not include the considerable economic damage caused to the country by Soviet-administered enterprises in Austria, nor the loss caused by the confiscation of 285 firms "former German assets in Austria."

Nor does it include financial losses incurred through Allied requisitioning of hotels and housing units throughout the country.

Damage suffered through the dismantling of about 40 per cent of Austria's industrial plants and the confiscation of raw material supplies and stocks, estimated to be 10,000 million schillings (nearly £132,000,000). Loss of duties and taxes caused by the Occupation Powers are estimated at another 4,000 million schillings (over £50,000,000).

As far as the payment of the occupation costs is concerned, Austria will be better off at the beginning of 1954, since France will then be the only Occupation Power which still demands the payment of her claims, amounting to 151,000,000 schillings (some £2,100,000).

NOT AT END The United States Government has been paying its Occupation costs from its own funds since 1947, and quite unexpectedly, the Soviet decided to renounce the payment of their annual share as from August 1, this year.

Great Britain has informed the Austrian Government that she will no longer require payment of her Occupation costs as from January 1, 1954.

But even France's renunciation of her claims to Occupation costs has not put an end to Austria's financial losses through the four-Power occupation in general.

Even after the conclusion of the State Treaty and the withdrawal of the Occupation troops, Austria would have to assume considerable financial burdens. Under the State Treaty draft, the country would have to pay to the Soviet Union compensation totalling £56 million schillings (nearly 800,000,000) for the release of the confiscated "German property."

In addition, the projected States Treaty would allow the Soviets to continue exploitation of the Lower Austrian oilfields for another 50 years—which would result in losses of hundreds of million schillings. The Soviets would also retain possession of the ports, equipment and ships of the Danube Shipping Company.—Reuter.

THIS WAS DUNKIRK IN FLANNELS

By Beverley Baxter, M.P.

THIS is in the nature of a personal confession. What is more, it will play directly into the hands of those ardent readers who accuse me of having gone native. So let them sharpen their pens and dip them in blood.

But they must not dismiss my confession as unimportant merely because it has to do with sport. The British gave many things to the world, and not the least of them was the playing of games. The innocent pastime of rounders developed into the vast North American industry of baseball. The harmless pastime of ground hockey, principally played by girls' schools over here, grew to the ferocity of ice hockey in Canada.

Sir Francis Drake continued to play bowls after the Armada was sighted, which shows that even in the sixteenth century sport was taken seriously. At the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, I have seen men also finish a game of bowls although the last launch to the city was hoisting its final warning. And do not tell me that it would be dark before the last launch left the wharf. We expressionists cannot be bothered with data like that.

Holy Of Holies

NOW it is necessary to bring you to London and describe the locality in which my conversion took place. For seventeen years I have lived in a house in St John's Wood, which is roughly about half a mile from Lord's Cricket Ground. In order to assuage the fierce democracy of some of my readers, let me hasten to

explain that Lord's has nothing to do with the peerage. It all began with a fellow named Lord.

Lord's is the holy of holies in the cricket world. You can only join it if your father was a member and if you yourself have shown a passion for cricket when at school. There are exceptions, but broadly it is as I have described.

Lord's is held in such reverence that pilgrims come from distant places just to gaze upon the sacred plot of grass where the ball meets the willow in mortal combat. When Prime Minister Menzies of Australia comes to a Commonwealth conference, he alternates between Westminster and this sacred pitch in St John's Wood.

No Blasphemy

THIRTY thousand spectators can crowd into the place but not, of course, into the club house, which is reserved for members and their guests. Not a single advertising hoarding is allowed to deface the cathedral austerity of the scene. They don't like blasphemy over here.

Once a year there is at Lord's a match of Gentlemen vs. Players, the Gentlemen being amateurs and the Players being professionals. When the County teams compete, the sides are composed of both professionals and amateurs, but up to a couple of years ago, when the teams left the field the amateurs went out by one gate and the professionals

another. Now in these days of broadening democracy they all go out together.

As a good Canadian, brought up on baseball and on Canadian rugby, I had a lofty contempt for cricket. Was it not killing a fool at the wicket? And when it takes five days to play a match, you are passing the boundaries of time and encroaching upon eternity. And this year six days were allowed for the final Test match with Australia!

Just imagine Toronto and Montreal playing one baseball match for six days from 11.30 in the morning to 6.30 in the evening, with a short luncheon interval and an extra shorter break for tea. But that is what they arranged for the last Test instead of the normal five days.

It must not be imagined that one can live in the neighbourhood of Lord's and remain indifferent or unmarked by the experience. For example, the annual Eton and Harrow match is played there, and motor cars are parked up Hamilton Terrace, debouching all ratty daughters, small boys in topers or straw hats (according to which school), imposing unsmiling mammas and lantern-jawed English fathers wearing morning coat, striped trousers and a silk top hat, as only an Englishman can do.

Rover Tickets

ON such occasions my Aberdeen terrier Max used to bark himself hoarse with Presbyterian fury from our balcony, and now my Scotchman, Dismal, has taken on the task. In fact, when Lord's is in session we and our neighbours are like a besieged garrison.

But it is pleasant to sit in the garden and enjoy the deep religious silence of Lord's half a mile away, punctuated now and then by a wild shout as though a sinner had found grace.

Now comes the moment when I must begin my confession and

thereby cleanse my bosom of much perilous stuff. Unfortunately, it necessitates a passing mention of a Marquis—no less a person than the Marquis of Donegal—but let me hasten to explain that his mother was Canadian, and vice versa is an Irish Marquis who only ranks with a Baron over here. At any rate, Donegal is not wealthy and works hard for a living. Thus is democracy mollified.

On the eve of the fourth test match between England and Australia this summer Donegal sent me five rover tickets, one for each day. This meant that I could scrounge a seat in the public grandstands if any were wanted. Otherwise, I was privileged to stand on my own two feet.

Last Day

IT is not my intention to bore you with a description of the match day, with England in a desperate situation. Perhaps it would be wise to explain that to win a cricket match one side must not only score more runs than the other but must also get their opponents out. Thus a team might be a hundred runs behind, but the match is only a draw if the losing team is still batting at the close of play.

On the last day, England's position was so desperate that the stands were almost empty when play opened. The all-conquering Australians were almost certain to get England out by lunch, and the crowds did not want to see the slaughter. As a rover I had a grandstand almost to myself.

But by luncheon the news had spread. England was making an epic stand. This was Dunkirk in flannels! There seemed no question of England winning, for the Australian lead could hardly be overcome. And as the thousands arrived, the place to the last inch, I suddenly realised that cricket can be the most exciting game ever invented by the brain of man.

Two Objectives

UNLIKE baseball or soccer, football or rugby, it can sustain a breathless climax for five hours—a quality which it shares with Wagner's music. Can you imagine a game where the crowd rises to cheer like mad because a batter has merely blocked the six balls of an over and not scored a single run?

That is the genius and the double-barrelled fascination of the game. There are two objectives: (1) To win (2) Not to lose. And curiously enough, the second can be the more exciting of the two.

Unhappily I had to go to work at Westminster after lunch, but on the way there people were crowding round the news stands, passengers were shouting the score, from buses, and London was a seething mass of cricket maniacs. And to think that I could not see the finish!

But wait a minute. We have a television set (a poor set, it is true, but it works in a sort of a way) at the House of Commons, and at five o'clock I could get clear from the debate and watch the finish of the match if it was not all over.

Yes, at five o'clock England was still batting. Glory Hallelujah! I pushed myself into the room, which was crowded with Tories and Socialists in a single-minded unity. Forgotten were our differences. England was at bay and England must not give an inch.

Scoring Fast

IF the scene in that room could have been reproduced in a cricket world could only assume that the British were quite mad. On the television screen we would see one of the surviving batters suddenly take a mighty swing and hit the ball for four runs. "Oh, No!" cried the politicians almost covering their faces with their hands. The risk of it! But the batsman had seen an opening and figured in that split second that he could use up more time with such a stroke instead of merely blocking.

Then it happened again. England was scoring fast. The utterly impossible had happened. From being hopelessly behind England had a gambler's chance

to win. Up in the club house the Captain, Len Hutton, paced the floor. To dare everything? To tell his batsmen to go for runs, to play for a draw?

Like school boys we MPs were shouting advice to Hutton, some for taking a chance and others urging patience. The fact that Hutton was quite unaware of our existence made no difference.

Then suddenly the issue was decided for Hutton. One of our side was clean bowled, England could not afford the loss of another wicket. Now it was a case of night or Blucher!

The Aussies crowded close around the wicket with their bare hands, for there is none of this pansy nonsense of gloves except for the wicket keeper. In fact, the Aussies were risking life and limb, but it had to be done. Yet they could not get that extra wicket, and the game ended with a draw, with England batting.

Talk about Making night... the whole of England celebrated that night. As for my wife and son and daughter who had watched it at home on television, they were quite incoherent with excitement, and even Dismal dashed upstairs and down as if he had gone crazy.

Still Puzzles

WELL, that is my confession. They say that the convert is always more fanatical than the faithful, but when we sailed for Canada in August it was with only one regret—that we would not be in England for the final Test match.

Yet now that my pulse is normal again I must confess that there is one aspect of this subject which still puzzles me. If anyone does something crafty or unfair or just too sharp in England, one is apt to hear the reproach: "It isn't cricket." In other words, cricket is a synonym for straightforward, stiff upper-lipped integrity and sportsmanship.

I wonder why.

If the wicket is wet or spongy, does the captain who wins the toss go in to bat? He does not. He makes the other side "take the rub." Or if England's tail is batting and the wicket is bad, does not Hutton declare as he is out? Australia is a bad spot? Of course he does. Still further let us take the Test match at Leeds where the Australians had a good chance of winning before stumps were drawn on the last day.

Intimidation

AM I right in assuming that after nearly every over of six balls the English fielding was rearranged so as to take up time? And equally when an Australian batter was out and positively ran to the pavilion while his successor speeded to take his place—was it to beat the clock?

Then there is that wild, intimidating cry of "How's that?" in which the fielding team tries to influence the umpire. Imagine it at Wimbledon on a tennis player served and shouted "How's that?" at the same moment? Imagine it in the ring a boxer shouted it when his opponent sent a right to his midriff.

Even in baseball no one tries to influence the umpire's decision before he gives it. I admit that sometimes when he declares a home player to be out, the crowd quite rightly throws ginger pop bottles at him and the home team gathers around to express doubts about the marriage of his parents—but only after the decision has been given.

Mystic Meaning

THEN what in the world is the mystic meaning of the phrase "It isn't cricket?" If the answer is given that the game is played to the rules I would reply that every game—even all-in wrestling—is played on similar terms.

I would go so far as to declare that there is no game ever invented in which—while obeying the rules—so much is done to stack the cards against the other side. As a convert I am often in favour of every device that will confound the Australians' knavish tricks, but in my instinct I am dashed if I understand why cricket has become a synonym for blue-eyed sportsmanship.

But this is England, unchangeable England. No wonder she acquired a quarter of the earth's surface, for no other country can so completely combine righteousness with worldly reward.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



FRANCE'S TAX COMMANDOES

By Sydney Smith

THE war is on against France's luxury livers. The Tax Commandoes have their orders from Finance Minister Edgar Faure — "Go and get 'em."

Hunting ground for the tax detectives will be the lush resorts of the fabulous Cote d'Azur.

They have been ordered to the fashionable resorts and

beaches where luxury cars and yachts abound. Anything expensive-looking will be fair game. The licence plates of costly limousines and imported sports cars will be scrutinised, and the owner's name noted and his tax declaration checked at Treasury headquarters.

If the story the owner has told the income tax collectors does not tie in with his obviously luxurious living standards, then he can look out.

The formation of the Tax Commandoes—the expression is M. Faure's—is the first step in a much-needed campaign by the French Government to clamp down on the country's wealthy income tax dodgers. It seems probable that the hunt is being turned on the well-to-do because of Premier Laniel's economic recovery proposals, which hit hard at lower paid Government workers.

Toothcomb Methods

Tax inspectors will use small toothcomb methods to track down the dodgers. Their instructions say: "Check up on all people who travel with a large domestic staff, own racehorses or who give fabulous parties."

"As for as yachts are concerned don't be put off if the boat flies a British flag. More often than not this is just an alibi and the owner is really French."

One of the most widely-practised forms of income tax evasion in France is to open a practically non-existent bank account and pay all bills in cash. And the majority of wealthy French people keep their money in home safes and convert it into gold or jewellery.

French Treasury dossier already carry damning evidence about tax dodgers' methods.

One Paris businessman declared a revenue of £350 a year. He owned two cars, one of 25 h.p., had four maids and was known to give large dinner parties. After investigation his tax declaration was "rectified" to £10,000 a year.

Another tax evader at Nice had "forgotten" to declare that he had two houses and a Cadillac. He had now been assessed at £16,000.

Thieves At Work

A third had three cars, three servants and a large luxury apartment and declared "no revenue".

These are the first three cases to be dealt with under the new "down with high living" drive.

Always along the river or coasts during the summer months the jewel thieves and safe breakers get to work. For the wealthy French, with their dislike of bank accounts, travel with their liquid assets. In the last two weeks £150,000 worth of jewellery and banknotes have been stolen along the Riviera coast from Monte Carlo to St Tropez.

If M. Faure succeeds he will class himself a stronger man than Rene Mayer, who, as Finance Minister in 1948, tried to bring out a law against tax evasion by people who lived on unearned income. The law was passed but never enforced.

No Brainwashing Of Ex-Prisoners

By Derek Marks

THERE will be no "brain washing" of British soldiers who were indoctrinated with Communist ideas in the prison camps of North Korea.

The Cabinet has decided that the best thing to do is to let the men return to their families and regain their former sense of values in familiar and happy surroundings.

Information reaching the Ministers shows that the Reds released some of the men in the order of their indoctrination—so that those who professed to be the most Communist-minded were the first out.

It was for this reason that Colonel Carne, of the Gloucesters, who steadfastly resisted all Communist approaches, was one of the last to be freed.

On information so far available it appears that no officers or senior N.C.O.'s were among those who fell victim to Communist propaganda.

Ex-prisoner Y denied that he had spoken to any reporter.

The fact: The reporter took an account from ex-prisoner X, who gave Y's name and home town.

And X lied to the reporter to discredit "despatches from the capitalist hack."

These men use the catch words of Hyde Park Communists.

The Communists tried to indoctrinate Private Reginald Dymond, of the Gloucesters, by making him read Karl Marx six hours a day. Instead he read reports of the Arsenal matches sent from his home in Bristol.

General Van Fleet, former United Nations Commander in Korea, said in London: "No doubt many men said they agreed with the Communists to get a few privileges. But a week or two at home will put them right."

It is understood that there will be no court martial of any former prisoner unless

AMERICA COLUMN from NEWELL ROGERS

THE VANISHING BACHELOR

New York. NO WONDER the girls are grumbling: the Census Bureau has just proved they are right about the vanishing eligible bachelor.

Out of every 100 adult civilian males only 15 are single, whereas in mother's time the figure was 30.

For every 100 debutantes of 18 to 19 there are only 65 men aged 20 to 22 to escort them.

Where are all the young single men?

Ask the call-up boards.

IDEAS from workers have saved American taxpayers the price of 11 bombers, or 22,000,000 dollars (\$2,857,000).

And just to give one of his examples of how cent-saving amounts up: Standardizing of a single bolt and nut was worth 1,000,000 dollars (\$287,000).

SHORE leave was waiting for 173 men of the Canadian cruiser Quebec and the aircraft-carrier Magnificent, but they put off the sights of New York to line up on deck and give blood to the American Red Cross.

A FUEL TANK cap cost Major Edward Johnston victory and a record in the Bendix Trophy, one of America's greatest air cross-country races. It jammed, took 15 seconds to unscrew, and Johnston finished second by 4.8 seconds.

The winner Major William T. Williams, covered the 1,000-mile course from Murco, California to Dayton, Ohio, at 603 miles an hour.

WHO gets the next bomb? worried business men in Kansas City are asking. In one week five big shops announced they were wrecked by bombs. There is no clue to the criminal, in spite of a 5,000 dollar (\$1,780) reward for information.

SHRE is a new name on Broadway but London-born Anna Russell, whose "Little Show"

has just opened, is already getting star treatment.

Her specialty is "vocal caricature," which means burlesquing opera singers, and she is described as a "splendid blonde monolith, with a face as flexible as a collapsible camp chair, a frame as awesome as half of two grenadiers... and a voice like a flawed temple bell."

Our Anna, both in appearance and style, looks very like Our Gracie.

LANDLORDS in New York State have been given seven days to repair or replace kitchen stoves, refrigerators or other kitchen installations about which tenants complain, or else show the complaints are groundless.

Failure to obey may mean a rent reduction, states the Rent Administration.

CONVICT detailed to work in the Governor of Tennessee's mansion was caught "making apple-jack brandy in the garage. He made it from apples and peaches, picked up in the governor's garden."

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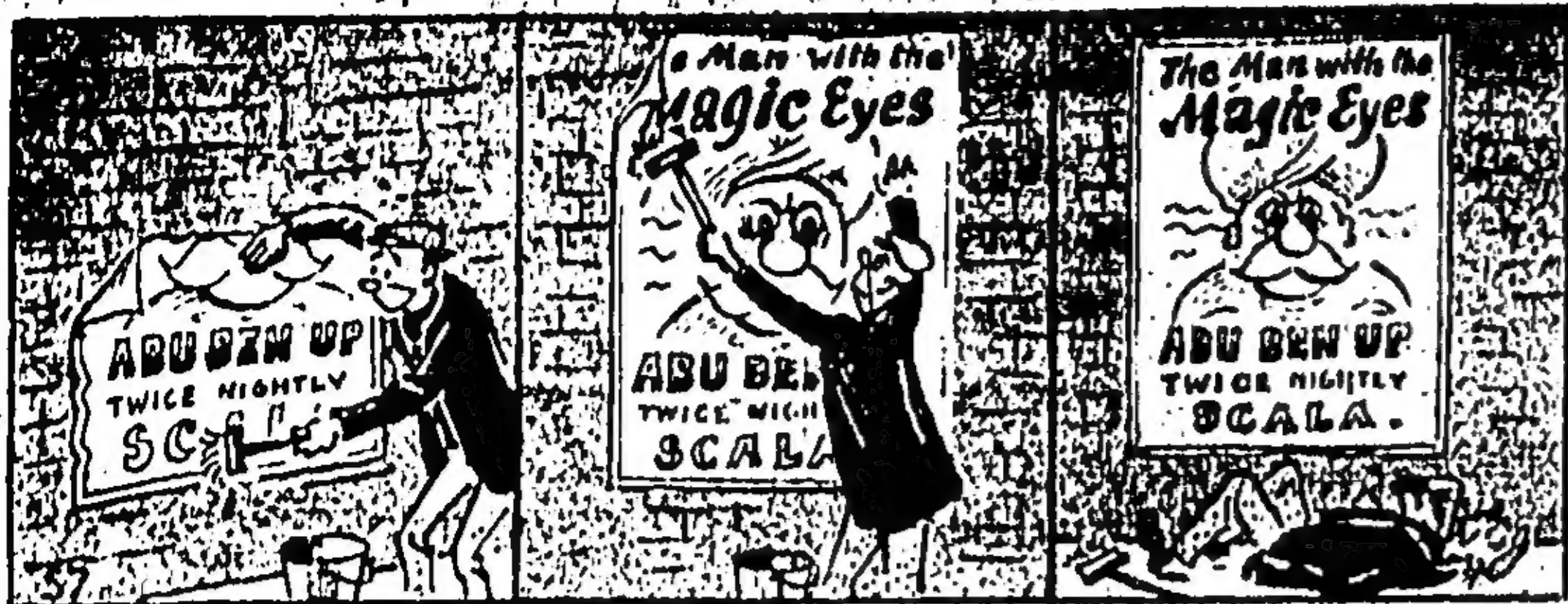
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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

BORN today, you are the supreme natural critic and cannot be content with anything less than perfection. You can make up your mind in a very little time, but that little must be of the very best in the world. You are an individualist and are most content when working on your own toward some definite objective. You resent being told what to do and how to do anything, for you are quite sure that your way is quite the best. Usually it is—but at times there is an advantage in being cooperative in a highly competitive world. The road to material success is shorter and easier.

You have strong likes and dislikes and nothing can make you change your mind, once it is set. You may be influenced, to some extent, through your affections, but once you realize this is happening, you shy off again and hunt for

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)—You might find real value in an offered suggestion today. Pay attention to it for the best results.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Keep your mind on your major objective in life. You should be able to further your ambitions now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If things are moving fast all around you, manage to keep your balance on the merry-go-round.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Have a good word for everyone today. A feeling of optimism can make everything seem easier to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Go into conference with an expert if you are perplexed and you will be able to solve problems easily.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Test your inspiration by the rules of practicality. If it works, then the idea is excellent; if not, discard it.

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

THE champion beer-drinker of Saragosa is reported to have drunk 12½ pints of beer in an hour.

The great Joaquin Bol would have sneered at such a challenge to drink 40 litres of beer in a day. Crowds assembled in the city to watch Joaquin had sat up all night in a tavern practicing for the next day's attempt. He said, as he wiped his lips after finishing his 40th litre, "I just wanted to make sure I could do it." He then went to the kitchen and drank another 40 litres in ten hours and 17 minutes.

Litter
DEAR SIR, The idea of glamour-litter is ridiculous, unless they were given powers to demand potential litter from pedestrians. And to stop a strong and ask him to hand over the bus ticket or cigarette-cash which he may or may not be about to discard is unreasonable. The answer to this problem is surely litter-bins, in charge of officials, at intervals of 50 yards.
M. D. H. Glapton.

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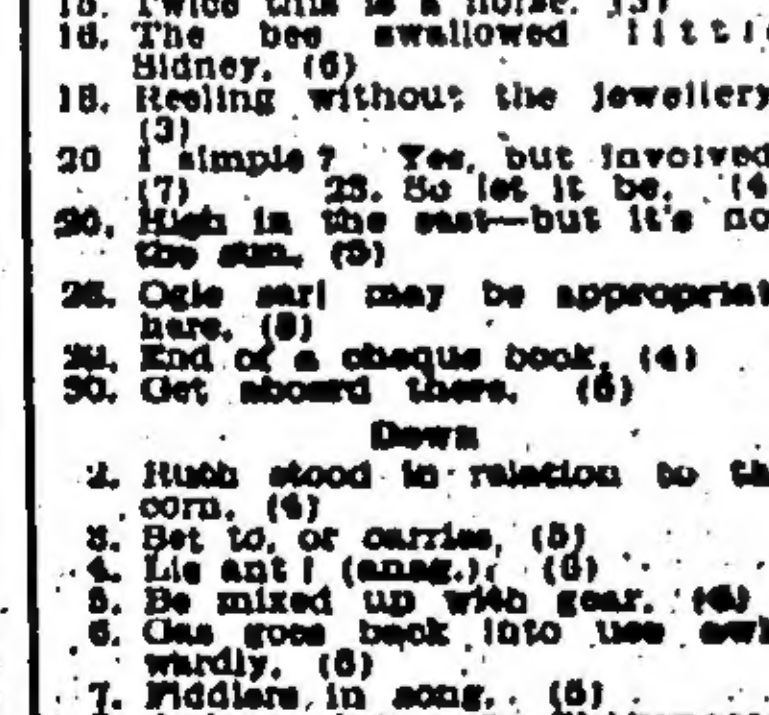
CRITICISM of provision shops for describing their goods "with poetical abandon," makes one wonder whether officials in charge would not be better. Over the quasi-sausages you would read: "Input of body fuel."

CROSSWORD

Across
1. Watt brute (anag.) (W)
2. Bygone (anag.) (B)
3. Grey problem (G)
4. Blackie (anag.) (B)
5. First cabin cutter (C)
6. Delta (anag.) (D)
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Chess Problem

By A. PIATESI
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Kt-B5, any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mate.

WHAT'S HER LINE?

FREDA CANN
Rearrange the letters to spell her occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hand Similar To No-Trump Opener

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE overall of one no-trump shows much the same sort of hand that you would need for an opening bid of one no-trump. In today's hand, South was a bit weak in spades, but his hand was otherwise ideally suited to a defensive overall of one no-trump.

North responded exactly as though his partner had opened the bidding with one no-trump. He had a count of 11 points and expected his partner to have about 16 to 18 points. Obviously the total was enough to provide a play for game, and North wasted no time in reaching a game contract.

When West opened the ten of hearts, declarer stopped to plan the play. It was obviously easy to take four tricks in each suit and the ace of spades for a total of nine sure tricks. Since, however, the hand was being played at a match point pair tournament, South was interested in making as many overtricks as possible.

Declarer therefore won the first trick with dummy's queen of hearts and immediately returned a low club from the

NORTH (D) 23	
♠ A 9 3	
♥ Q 8 2	
♦ A 7 5	
♣ 8 6 2	
WEST	
♠ 10 7 4	
♥ 10 8 7 3	
♦ 7 6 2	
♣ J	
EAST	
♠ K J 8 6 2	
♥ 5	
♦ 8 4	
♣ A K 10 7 4	
SOUTH	
♠ A 5	
♥ A K J 4	
♦ K Q 10 3	
♣ Q 9 3	
Neither side vul.	
North East South West	
Pass 1 ♠ 1 N.T. Pass	
3 N.T. Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♥ 10	

dummy! Caught by surprise, East carelessly played a low club.

South played the queen of clubs, and was now sure of ten tricks. Actually, South was headed for eleven tricks.

Declarer merely rattled off his tricks in the red suits. By the time that South had reduced to two clubs and two spades in his own hand and also in the dummy, East had been forced to reduce likewise to two clubs and two spades.

At this point South simply led a club and allowed East to take his two club tricks. East was then obliged to lead away from his king of spades, giving South the last two tricks with the queen and ace of spades.

There was no way for East to set the contract, but he would have fared better if he had taken the king and ace of clubs as soon as he was given the chance to do so.

After winning the second and third tricks with high clubs, East could have exited safely with another club, after which he could sit back and wait for a spade trick to be given to him.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East
1 Heart 2 Diamonds
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-10-8-7-6, Hearts 5-2, Diamond 6, Clubs K-Q-8-5. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. This bid shows an independent spade suit, excellent distribution, but no great chance for a slam unless partner can make the first move in that direction.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-2, Hearts 8-7-3, Diamonds A-Q, Clubs K-Q-J-8-4. What do you do?

Quick & Easy Snacks For Picnics

By ALICE DENHOFF

LOOKS like a good, long picnic season ahead. So here are some fine ideas for outdoor eating.

Mustard butter makes even the most mundane sandwich filling even better. Just set the butter out of the refrigerator to soften, then mix ½ c. butter with ¼ c. prepared mustard.

A Time-Saver
To save time, parboil frankfurters at home, split and spread with prepared mustard, then wrap in bacon. They'll be all ready for grilling when the coals die down.

A quick and easy way to prepare sandwiches is to slice a loaf of bread lengthwise, and spread evenly with softened, though not melted, butter. You can spread the filling on a long slice just as easily as on a small slice—and it's easily enough for three or four sandwiches.

For an excellent minced ham filling, combine one c. water, 2 tbsp. quick-cooking tapioca, ¼ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper in a saucepan, mixing well. Bring mixture quickly to a full boil over direct heat, stirring constantly. Remove from fire. Combine ½ pound boiled ham that has been ground, ¼ c.

chopped sweet pickle, 1 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. vinegar and 1 tsp. mayonnaise; add to tapioca mixture and blend. Cool before using. Makes 2 c.

Here's an easy way to streamline that old picnic favourite, devilled eggs.

Remove the shell and cut hard-boiled eggs in lengthwise halves. Remove yolks and for every yolk add a level tsp. of prepared brown mustard. Mash and mix well, then refill the white hollows and the job is done.

Picnic Salad

Macaroni Salad is a good picnic item too, we've found. For an easy-to-do version, mix together 2 c. cooked, elbow macaroni (chilled), one c. boiled ham (or one c. cooked or tinned chicken), ½ c. each finely minced parsley, green pepper and celery (leaves, if you wish). Season with ¼ c. prepared brown mustard and moisten with mayonnaise.

This salad is nice served for luncheon or supper at home, too, when the macaroni salad goes into a wooden salad bowl that has been lined with crisp salad greens.

Avoid Beauty Taboo!

By Helen Follett

NO woman can afford to neglect a single detail of grooming.

If hair is stringy, in need of washing and curling, it is no help to put on one's best frock and toy with make-up. Untidy hair is the first thing a man notices when he meets a woman, or at least so men say.

Slapshot-looking feet encased in shoes that could do with a shine or heels that need lift are good-looks errors that are not to be excused either. A girl can find cute looking shoes that are chic and comfortable without breaking the beauty bank.

Make-up that is too obvious is usually due to hurried application. Some women never seem to learn how to make themselves a fresh, new face. The biggest mistake is placing rouge low. It gives the countenance a dragged-down look.

A Good Foundation

The figure should be neatly harnessed. Many women who never wear foundation garments would look better with their curves strapped down and their hips tucked in.

As for the messy handbag and the slip showing under the hem of the frock—do we have to point out that these are taboo, too?

Introducing TWO GIRLS WHO DIFFER ON DRESS IDEAS TO-DAY—the Teenagers.



TEENAGERS! Do leave those sophisticated clothes to your much older sisters. See how Miss Holiday Wrong misses along for so long in her too tight, linen skirt and too low neck. It will be a long time before she needs these attentions.

Miss Holiday Right states her age with charm in her holiday outfit, a full circle skirt of white, green and red cotton, plaid with its matching suntop and hairband. Over it a brushed wool bolero in poppy red—a good mixer with day, evening or sports clothes—shows in red reversed cut.

The skirt has matching, beautifully cut jeans, shorts and blouse, can be bought separately and will be all she needs for travelling well, elegantly and light. —SHERADSKI.

London Express Service.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Use a bottle with perforated top for sprinkling, and remember that warm water dampens more quickly and evenly than cold. Cottons should not be as moist as linens. Dampen just enough to remove wrinkles. Ironing is slowed down when the clothes are too damp.

When you remove dry wash from the line, try to keep the pieces from wrinkling. Fold flat pieces so they'll be ready for sprinkling and ironing. Better still, if you can arrange to do so, sprinkle and fold garments on a tub as you remove them from the line.

PARIS GASPS AGAIN

By Betty Wilson

ANTOINE, the hair-stylist, has made Parisiennes gasp again with his "Hair Styles of the Past and for the Future."

You do not need much hair of your own since Antoine is very ready to make you a wig of ribbons, flowers or feathers.

Raffia, string, wood shavings or precious stones are treated as hair in a series of remarkable wigs that are inspired by every imaginable source from the snail's shell of Medusa to the helmet of a Chinese warrior.

Mannequins who acted as hostesses for the opening party displayed the latest Antoine

creations. One brunette had a typical Japanese bob with a flat bow of flame-red and gold tulle atop her head.

Of the wigs scattered throughout Antoine's penthouse headquarters, the most elaborate were made of hair and glass kumihime, the guests appeared most attracted by an "angel collar" made from natural wood shavings.

"Wigs made entirely of flowers, lacquered locks interlaced with flowers, and elaborate arrangements of hair and fruit proved that Antoine is a showman who really believes he can improve on Nature."

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Now Willy Toad is a Barber

—He Trims Whiskers, and Almost Shaves a Pig!

By MAX TRELL

EVER before they reached the Pine Tree Grove, Knarf and Hamd, the shadow-children with the click-click-click of a pair of scissors. They also heard a voice saying, "Shall I snip your whiskers short, sir?"

They recognized the voice of their friend Willy Toad. Sure enough, it was Willy Toad, dressed in a white barber's coat. He was trimming the whiskers of a large black cat. Instead of a barber's chair, Willy made the cat stand on the stump of a tree. Around the cat's neck was a big cloth cover like the kind that barbers always use to keep hair from falling on the customers.

Wanted Them Short
The cat felt his whiskers with his paw and said to Willy: "Yes, snip them short!"

"Very good," said Willy. And the scissors went click-click-click again.

On a fallen log, not far from the barber's hair where the cat was sitting, were several other customers, also waiting their turn.

Knarf and Hamd saw a squirrel, a rat, a cottontail rabbit, a hen and a pig. "Take a seat," Willy said to Knarf and Hamd. Knarf and Hamd sat next to the pig at the end of the log. "I've got no whiskers," Knarf said. "I've got no whiskers," Hamd said. "I've come to get a shave!"

Hamd immediately thought of the words: Barber, barber shave a pig. How many hairs will make a wig? Four and twenty, that's enough. Give the barber a pinch of snuff.

"I really don't need a shave at all," the pig went on, "but I thought I'd look a little less like a pig if I got one. Pigs hardly ever get shaved," he added.

Squirrel Sat Down
"Next!" Willy called out, and the squirrel sat down on the stump. "Whiskers trimmed, sir?" said Willy.

"Yes," said the squirrel. "Shave?" said Willy. "Hair-cut?"

"No," said the squirrel. "I want my tail combed. It's all full of knots."

Willy combed out the squirrel's tail. "It's a very nice tail," Willy said to the squirrel when he was finished. "I combed it for you."

"I'm not getting rid of it," said the squirrel, and he hopped off the stump.

"Next!" said Willy. "The rat and the rabbit jumped on the stump at the same time."

"We're both next," the rat said. "We came here together."

"Willy said he usually didn't work on two customers at the same time."

"No," replied the hen, "I just came here to watch. It's the first time I've ever been in a barber shop."

Then the pig went up and sat down on the stump. "Shave me," said the pig. Knarf and Hamd crowded around to see how Willy shaved the pig. He lathered him from the tip of his snout to the end of his tail. The only part of the pig that anyone could see were his two eyes and his feet.

But just as Willy started to shave him, the pig spied a bunch of turnips growing on the other side of the brook and went scampering off to get them, shaking all the lather off as he went.

Willy smiled. "I'm glad he's gone," he said to Knarf and Hamd. "There's no more shaving a pig. He'll be covered with mud in a minute!"

The little pig and their new friend the rat and the rabbit went out a path short enough to suit Rupert's strength. "Now, let's see if my eye is as true as it used to be," says Ozzie. "My, what a runny nose!" At first, Rupert's nose was

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THE GAMBOLS



The "Million Dollar" Team Finds That Success Cannot Be Bought

London, Sept. 20. The old soccer adage that you can't buy success is being proved this season by a team which fans have been calling the "million dollar" team of the First Division of the Football League.

Sunderland, who paid out £63,000 for three top line international stars during the close season, are languishing near the foot of the table after the opening games—and fans are re-christening the team "Blunderland" because of their inept displays.

The north-eastern club, which has always had a reputation of being one of the poorest in the country, opened its cheque book during the summer to pay out £27,000 to Arsenal for Welsh international centre-half Ray Daniel, £26,000 to Burnley for England's current outside-left, Billy Elliott, and £20,000 to Middlesbrough for international goalkeeper Jimmy Cowan, just hasn't hit the jackpot with all its spending. And even manager Billy Murray now admits that the cupboard is bare and that no more spending will be done.

Daniel, Elliott and Cowan join a group of the highest priced stars of soccer. Centre-forward Trevor Ford, the stormy petrel of the game and a perennial Welsh international, was bought for £29,500 from Aston Villa in October, 1950, and inside-left Len Shackleton, the man who never quite makes the international side, cost £20,050 when he was bought from neighbouring Newcastle United back in 1948.

At outside-right is Tommy Wright, a Scotsman who cost £8,000 when he came from a junior club north of the border, and at left-half is England

cricketer Willy Watson, one of the few double internationals who have played for their country at both cricket and soccer.

WELL-DOWN

With such an array of high priced talent, Sunderland might well expect to be among the leaders of the League Championship—but a glance at the current positions shows them to be well down the table. Their high-priced stars just don't seem to be clicking and unless some very promising local boys are unearthed—and Sunderland haven't done much unearthing during the post-war period—the team will have to stand or fall by them.

Manager Murray admits the coffers are empty, but says he intends to stand or fall by his team.

"Injuries are our bane," he said recently. "We have all these stars on our books, but never yet have we been able to turn all of them out at the same time. At least two are always injured, and when they recover two more report sick. You can't win games that way."—United Press.

WHISPERING GALLERY

By Archie Quick

The "Whispering Gallery" of the soccer world may be Snow Hill Station, Birmingham, on a Saturday night, when teams going North, South, East and West forgo their usual shop. It was there that I heard the "Strange Story of the Arsenal." Everyone knows their playing record this season. Not a win in the first seven matches and then a seven-one hiding at non-too-successful Sunderland.

But behind the scenes they are not talking so much of the Arsenal's playing inefficiency, but of dressing room dissension. Now I have been in close touch with the Highbury Club since the days of Herbert Chapman. He laid down a code on and off the field, and he laid down a strategy for match play. It has been rigidly adhered to down the years.

Speak to any old Arsenal player—Drake, Hulme, Jack, Kirchen, Bastin, the Comptons and the few who have gone to other clubs like Cox of West Bromwich—and you will instantly detect the pride they have of being connected with "The Old Club."

But now there are rumours of lapses of discipline, and it has even got into print that Manager Tom Whittaker said: "Some of them are not 100 percent Arsenal fit; in success they have made too many friends away from the field of play." Strong words these from an Arsenal "comrade." I have twice this season travelled with Arsenal, and I can tell you the old camaraderie is not there. One player will drift off to another part of the train after his meal; another will go into the adjoining dining coach and have a drink on his own.

At least two leave for the North immediately after the Arsenal match for Liverpool and Swindon for Bradford, while others like Lishman to Walsall and Smith to Sheffield—break away from the main party (with permission, of course). But this does not make for the old team spirit and it is showing itself on the field.

Apart from all this, however, I am convinced (as I wrote after Arsenal's opening match of the season at West Bromwich and subsequently when I saw them at Aston Villa) that the side is not good enough as at present constituted. Some are getting on in years and I am sure Joe Mercer made a mistake in carrying on "for just one more season." Better to get out on top of the world. (Again is not yet ready, and there is not a "shot" in the forward line apart from winger Roper. A centre-half, a wing half, and a thrustful inside forward are the crying needs of Arsenal. They will be bought.

BREAKING UP

Portsmouth won the Division I Championship in successive seasons since the war, narrowly missed the hat-trick, and also came close to achieving the elusive double of Cup and League.

Now the side is breaking up. The goalkeeper has gone, Jim Secular is with Newcastle and I hear that other transfers are imminent. For instance, England's choice at outside-left and centre-forward does not relish the right half position left vacant by Secular, and the departed centre-forward, Charlie Vaughan, plans to go back to a London club.

Mention of Secular, by the way, reminds me that Newcastle paid over £25,000 for him, he had one kick at the ball in the opening match for the United and went down with ligament trouble. He will be out for weeks. Such is the gamble of the transfer market.

Chelsea Manager Ted Drake tells me he is still hopeful of enticing South Laurie Relfy, the Hibernian and Scottish centre-forward. After the game on Saturday, Drake said: "I must have a centre-forward upon whom I can rely for every match. Lewis still has other commitments and he is wanted by England or Southampton. I shall be left high and dry."

"I WISH I'D HAD MORE TIME WITH THE QUEEN'S HORSE"

Fingertip Expert Charles Brook Explains His Treatment

By NEVILLE SAMPSON

"I may not be an orthodox doctor, but that does not make me a quack—as some people have called me.

"The fact that I was asked to treat a horse as important as Aureole is to me complete justification for all the years I have spent preparing myself for this work."

Sixty-five-year old Charles Brook, self-styled psychotherapist whose sensitive fingers worked for six weeks on the Queen's horse in an attempt to cure the animal of pre-race nerves before the St Leger, sat with me in his room over a delicatessen shop in Notting Hill Gate.

Mr. Brook, a mild, quick-talking little man, with a trim beard, gazed down from his window on the traffic below as he told me of the treatment which has astounded so many racing men and made headline news.

"I wasn't really surprised when Aureole came in only third," he said. "Six weeks wasn't enough. I needed another month to make sure."

Men and women who have travelled with Mr. Brook on the early-morning train from London to Newmarket every day recently could never have guessed that he was, as he says, "silently preparing impulses within myself for transmission to Aureole when I got there."

And how does this unorthodox fellow work? Why does a restless, nervous animal—or human being, for that matter—become docile and quiet at the touch of his fingers?

"I have been preparing myself for this for years," said Mr.

Brook. "Orthodox doctors cannot find the central control which lies behind so many nervous cases. But with my system, I can."

"I deal with the invisible. It is nothing to do with the intellect."

At Newmarket, Mr. Brook was placing his fingers on Aureole's shoulder, and sliding them gently down to the animal's stomach. Why?

"I place my fingers lightly at some central nerve centre," he told me, "and transmit impulses direct to the nervous system, like a radio transmitter."

How did he first develop the powers which have now received recognition from such unexpected quarters?

"At first, I thought only about human beings," he said. "I studied and prepared myself, and just before the war when I felt I was ready I put up a plate in Harley Street."

INSOMNIA CURE

He claims to have cured insomnia by the use of his finger tips—and even improved a golfer's game.

Mr. Brook's interest in animals as patients began only five years ago, when a friend asked him to treat a greyhound suffering so badly from nerves that it had not raced for 11 months.

"I suddenly remembered the treatment I had given to a child (leaving from birth)," he explained. "The child's mother was worrying because the boy kept running alone into the road."

"While the boy was asleep my fingers transmitted an impulse telling him never to cross the road unaccompanied."

A few days later his mother told me with amazement that he was refusing to cross a road unless someone went with him. "When the man brought in his greyhound I thought of that boy. He had been asleep, so I couldn't have touched his mind. I knew I was reaching a control that was quite apart from the intellect, and I said to myself: 'If I can achieve this why shouldn't I be able to do so with animals?'"

Three weeks later, after treatment, the dog ran again—without any trace of nerves.

A TELEGRAM

More greyhounds followed. Then came horses. The first, Full Tilt, refused to be saddled and bucked like a bronco when anyone tried to mount.

"I treated the animal four or five times a week for two months," said Mr. Brook. "This kind of success with nervous horses came to the notice of the Queen's racing manager, Captain Charles Moore, who told Mr. Brook he would mention him to the Queen."

Forty-eight hours later came the telegram calling the psychotherapist to Newmarket—and Aureole.

Mr. Brook walked across to the window, hitched up his corduroy trousers and glanced down at his bottle-green socks.

UNCONVENTIONAL

"You know, my wife is always telling me to dress more conventionally," he said. "But I am an unconventional man, giving unconventional treatment, so why should I not wear unconventional clothes?"

"I still have human patients, but my main interest is bloodstock. There is no personality, no arrogant intellect to fight when you treat animals. That is why I have just given up my Harley Street address. You can't soothe horses from Harley Street."

He identified the three suspects as Joseph Eugene Merrick, 32, a labourer, Hal Murphy, 48, a cab driver, and Miss Myrtle Cates, 31, a waitress, all of Wimbledon.

The sheriff said the cases contained 672,000 tickets which were found stored in a small cabin near here.

The tickets are valued at £1 each.—United Press.

Home Rugger Results

London, Sept. 19. Rugby League Results—Barrow 21 Bradford Northern 5; Belle Vue Rangers 7 Batley 19; Castleford 21 Keighley 13; Dewsbury 30 Doncaster 18; Huddersfield 47 Hull Kingston Rovers 6; Hull 25 Wakefield Trinity 12; Hunslet 16 Halifax 7; Leigh 18 Leeds 28; Oldham 29 Liverpool City 2; Rochdale Hornets 6 Featherstone Rovers 9; Saint Helens 49 Bramley 18; Swinton 11 Whitehaven 10; Warrington 13 Wigan 9; Workington 22 Widnes 8; York 22 Oxford 20.

RUGBY UNION

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Disappointing Entry In Hard Court Tennis Championships

Entries for the men's Hard Court Tennis Championship events sponsored by the Chinese Recreation Club, which closed yesterday, are rather disappointing this year. There are only 28 competitors in the Singles, and 23 pairs in the Doubles.

The Colony's top-ranking ace, K. H. Ip, who did not compete in this Championship last year, leads the singles entries and will almost certainly be seeded No. 1, with last year's Champion, V. T. Wang, filling in the second seeded berth.

Edwin Tsai, who is expected to pose a serious threat to K. H. Ip this year, and K. C. Dao will undoubtedly be the other two seeded players.

A pleasing feature, however, of the Singles entries is the large number of schoolboy and teen-age players competing. Among these are the Schoolboy Champion, Francis Ma, and Fritz Lin, Dawood Khan, Sandy Lin and Ng Man-cheung.

Conspicuous absences in the Singles are the Tsai brothers, who have, however, entered together in the Doubles.

The K. H. Ip-Edwin Tsai combination will be difficult to beat in this event, and the greatest opposition will be forthcoming from the Tsai brothers, K. C. Dao and Szeo Bick, V. T. Wang and T. Leung and J. L. Rigge and M. Hoeman.

THE ENTRIES

The following is the complete list of entries:

Colony Men's Singles

Dawood Khan, Yaqub Khan, Sandy Lin, F. K. Hu, Fritz Lin, T. C. Wang, K. Y. Chang, T. H. Shao, K. H. Ip, Edwin Tsai, C. Tsou, S. H. To, Choy Tin-kin, Ng Man-cheung, L. C. Wade, Francis Ma, V. C. Kung, Wong Suk-ki, Emile Pereira, Peter Chen, Kenneth Lo, W. Guy Lam, L. T. Lee, V. T. Wang, Szeo Bick, K. C. Dao, Lee King-fun, Ma Shiu-leung.

Colony Men's Doubles

J. K. Liu and Moylan Chan, C. Cheng and A. N. Oher, Y. Khan and Dawood Khan, Sandy Lin and T. C. Wang, F. K. Hu and Fritz Lin, T. H. Shao and P. F. Shao, K. H. Ip and Edwin Tsai, C. Tsou and Lee King-fun, F. C. Stuckey and E. E. Story, S. N. To and Choy Tin-kin, D. C. Luk and V. C. Kung, Ng Man-cheung and Ho Cheung-po, Ma Shiu-leung and Francis Ma, K. Y. Chang and Chang Wing-choi, Tsai Wai-pul and Tsai Yung-pul, Wong Suk-ki and Au Kam-moon, Emile Pereira and Joseph Hsu, J. L. Rigge and M. Hoeman, K. Lo and T. Lo, W. Guy Lam and Fung Moon, L. T. Lee and K. C. Kao, V. T. Wang and L. Leung, K. C. Dao and Szeo Bick, K. C. Ng and Y. Lam.

Schoolboys' Tennis Championships

The first round of the Colony Schoolboys' Singles tennis championships, postponed last week because of bad weather, will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27, at the Chinese Recreation Club.

Eight matches will be played on Saturday and eight on Sunday. On both days the starting time of the first match is 3.30 p.m.

Another Arrest In Francasal Conspiracy Case

London, Sept. 19. Four men, accused of being the master minds of the sensational horse race incident in July, were joined in court here today by a fifth.

The four—two race horse owners and two bookmakers—were arrested last night and charged with conspiracy to defraud the British Race Course, where last July a supposedly mediocre French horse, named Francasal, romped home a 10 to one winner. All five were to one remanded until October 7 on £1,500 each.

The fifth alleged plotter who appeared in court today and was charged with the others was named Robert Victor Colquhoun Dill, 87. His occupation was not stated.

Before the race, a telephone cable from the course was deliberately cut, preventing bookmakers from shortening the odds after heavy bets had been placed on "Francasal." Then suspicious charges that it was Francasal's sponsor, a bookmaker, Santa Amaro, identical in appearance, that had run the race.

The registered owner of the two horses, William Maurice Williams, 46, is among the five men charged. Two weeks ago he served a writ on police headquarters, demanding the return of the two horses which have been held since soon after the race.—Reuter.

Knew What He Was Talking About

Dr Charles Watts, formerly a professor of dramatics, is proving pretty conclusively in Hollywood studios that he knew what he was talking about in the classroom.

"In a top featured role with Will Rogers Jr., and Mary Olson in the Warner Colour production, 'The Boy From Oklahoma,' Watts is currently showing his ex-students that he can put his theoretical knowledge into successful practice. The ex-professor, who rates A.B., M.A. and L.L.B. after his name, was lecturing on drama at Oregon State, Ohio University and at George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., before World War II.

Although Watts admits he frequently had the urge to light out for Hollywood when a skeptical student questioned the practical soundness of his ideas on acting, he was reluctant to give up the pleasant life behind ivy-covered walls.

But after putting in a three-year hitch with the Merchant Marine during World War II, Watts decided he should put his theories on acting to a test. He asked for a leave of absence from George Peabody College and set out to discover whether he could make a living in the field on which he had been lecturing.

DEBUT IN EAST

Watts chose the east coast rather than Hollywood for his first experiment and made his debut as the fabulous Fawcett Bill in the New York production of "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman.

The good doctor then moved west to conquer the film capital. Since his arrival he has shown that he can act as well as lecture by appearing in a variety of character roles ranging from a bartender in both "Dallas" and "Texas Ranger" to a Congressman in "Something for the Birds" and a millionaire in "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine."

Watts says he believes he now could face his former students with much more confidence than in former years. "I believe that if any of those doubting Thomases were to come around now I could convince them that the suggestions I offered in the old days could pay off in a successful career. There's only one thing that bothers him, says Watts. He has never portrayed a professor on the screen. 'The producers say I'm just not the type,'—United Press.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1953.

Communist MIG-15 Plane Lands At Allied Air Field

Seoul, Sept. 21.

A Communist MIG-15 fighter landed at Kimpo airport near here at 9.24 a.m. today, Fifth Air Force announced.

The Air Force announcement did not disclose the nationality of the pilot of the surrendered plane.

He was being questioned by Air Force intelligence officers.

General Mark W. Clark, UN Commander, made a public offer of \$100,000 for a surrendered enemy MIG last April 27. A Far East Command spokesman said today the offer had never been withdrawn.

E. German Secret Police To Be Strengthened

Berlin, Sept. 20.

East Germany's top Communist today ordered the secret police strengthened to crush an armed underground movement which he said existed in the Soviet Zone.

Walter Ulbricht, deputy and first secretary of the Communist Party in a speech to the 16th meeting of the Party's Central Committee, said: "Strengthening of the power of the State is an urgent task confronting us."

He said Fascist underground organizations must be crushed, ruthless action taken against illegal arms caches and the state security service—the police—strengthened by sending trusted agents into large factories and all East German communities.

Ulbricht's speech, made on Thursday and released today by the East German news service ADN, indicated that the Communists fear that the millions who rose against Communism in June might revolt again and this time back their resistance with arms.

The anti-Communist Information Bureau West said, meanwhile, that the secret police had ordered the arrest of 161 riot leaders of the June revolt who had gone underground.

The West Berlin newspaper Telegram said the Communist police chief, Karl Maron, called a conference of all his district commissioners because a wave of new sabotage acts had led to the fear that a new revolt might break out.

Ulbricht's speech made it clear the Communists consider that anti-Communist resistance has not been crushed and is a danger to the State.

"We stand before the task of crushing the Fascist underground organizations formed by enemy agencies in West Berlin and West Germany," he said. "We must train the workers to increased vigilance against the enemy, to ruthless action against

every case of illegal possession of weapons. The state security organ is to be strengthened... all parts of the State apparatus must be checked."

Ulbricht said resistance had reached into the ranks of the Party and the morale of "some" Party members was shattered by the election victory of Chancellor Adenauer.—United Press.

Mr Edmund Blunden Arrives

Mr Edmund Charles Blunden, CBE, MC, MA, prominent English poet, arrived here this morning from the United Kingdom to take over the chair of English at the Hongkong University.

Accompanied by his wife and three children, Margie, 7, Lucy, 5, and Frances, 3, Mr Blunden was met on board the RMS Carthage by Mr B. Molloy, Registrar of the Hongkong University, Mrs Molloy, Mr Alan Green, and Mrs Mary Visick, lecturers.

Had Dangerous Goods Aboard

The 27-year-old master of a fishing vessel, Ho Ngau-nai was fined \$20 by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to the charge of illegally carrying dangerous goods.

Five cettles of petrol were found on board the defendant's sampan when it was intercepted off Ping Chau on Sunday afternoon, said the Police.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"This is our second day and no sign of landing a husband—maybe I shouldn't have passed up that job in the haberdashery!"

Different Kind Of Inspector

Lan Bing, summonsed with having carried a passenger in his taxi with his flag still up before Mr. Thomas Tam in Central Court this morning answered:

"But I had an Inspector in my taxi. Inspectors are different from passengers."

"An Inspector?" asked Mr. Tam. "Is he here?"

"Yes," replied Lan, "he is waiting for me to call him."

All eyes in the Court turned to the door as the new witness entered, but he was seen to be, not a Police Inspector, but another kind of Inspector.

"And what do you inspect?" asked Mr. Tam.

"I inspect Yellow taxis," replied the witness.

"I see," said Mr. Tam, "and were you in uniform when the driver was summonsed?"—Yes.

"No."

"What were you doing in a moving taxi?" asked the Police Prosecutor, "taxi as a car to inspect when they are standing still."

"I inspect meters," replied the witness, "to see that they are sealed and to count the journeys made."

"Yes, I think I understand that," said Mr. Tam, "these taxi inspectors have to keep a lookout to see also that the meters are not being tampered with. It is possible to insert a toothpick in a certain place in the meters so that it registers in some way."

Cheung, after paying one instalment, sold the instrument to the headmaster of the Dun Ching College, 22 Fleming Road, for \$1,600, the piano in reality being worth \$3,000, Cheung Wah-tit had not been located up to the present.

Tsang Fook Piano Co., informed the Police, who seized the piano on September 7, and have been holding it since.

Mr Woo asked the Magistrate to make an order for the return of the piano, saying that it already is badly in need of repair, and the damage might become worse if it was held any longer.

Det. Sub-Ins. G. Morgan, appearing for the Police, said that he had no objection to the instrument being returned on the condition that it would be produced as an exhibit in Court if and when Cheung Wah-tit was arrested.

Mr T.H. Leung, headmaster of the Dun Ching College, said that he wished to engage a solicitor in order to ask for compensation of the sum he paid for the piano.

At this stage Mr Woo asked the Magistrate to adjourn the case, as he would have to make arrangements for the matter to be settled in a civil court.

The case was adjourned sine die.

RECRUITS BECOME POLICEMEN

Two squads of Cantonese Police recruits, totalling 64 policemen, passed out this morning at the Police Training School, Aberdeen, with Mr K. A. Bidmead, Deputy Commissioner of Police, taking the salute.

PCs 4650 and 4672 were presented with silver whistles by Mr Bidmead for the best all round performance in their respective squads. The parade led by the Police Band with the two passing-out squads next and the rest of the members of the Police School following, then, marched past Mr Bidmead. The parade was under the command of Sub-Ins. Lau Fook-kuan.

Mr Bidmead addressing the passing-out recruits congratulated them on their smartness. He said that they were starting on a very honourable career and that they must remember that they are constantly in the public eye. Anything they did wrong would be letting down the Force.

In the Force today, he said, there were a number of honest Policemen, and he hoped that some of the passing-out recruits would follow their suit. He said that there were more honest men in the Force today than ever before.

There were two things they should remember, he said. Firstly, to look smart when they are on the beat and secondly not to be a bully. The public respect the Police Force far more today than in the past, he said.

Judgment with costs was delivered by Judge W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Victoria District Court this morning in favour of the plaintiffs in an action for vacant possession of Nos. 8-10 Amoy Street, Hongkong, against the present occupier.

The plaintiffs were Li Koon-chun and Li Lau-sang, merchants, of the Bank of East Asia Building. Both are the executors of the will of Li Siu-ping, deceased, and were represented by Mr P. C. Woo.

The defendant, Loung Cheung, appeared in person.

Li Koon-chun, one of the plaintiffs, gave evidence that the premises were let to the defendant on February 10, 1948, at the rate of \$800 per month. Rent was paid every month until October, 1952, when payments were stopped by the defendant.

On March 30, this year, plaintiffs served on the defendant a notice to quit, but defendant refused to do so.

The Court ordered the defendant to vacate the premises by October 20, and also to pay mesne profits as from November 1952.

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Five Face Charges Involving Alleged Abortion

Applications by Counsel for the Defence for the Court to order the dropping of a charge of conspiracy against the accused and, failing that, to order a separate trial on that count, were refused by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes, acting Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning when five persons appeared before him on charges arising out of alleged abortions.

The accused were Cheung Oi-mei, alias Amy Cheung, 26, married woman, Cheung Siu-huen, alias Betty Cheung, 18, student, Cheung Siu-wah, alias Kathryn Cheung, 17, student, Cheung Kam, 41, amah, and Yuen Yuen-sum, 38, business man.

Two other accused, Wong Man-huen, 50, married woman, and Cheung Wun, 50, business man, who were originally charged with the others, were not before the Court, having absconded before they were due to appear to plead at the August Criminal Sessions. They were the parents of the three Cheung girls on trial.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr Peter H. Sin, appeared for the first four accused, while Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Cheung Wing-in, represented the fifth accused.

The charges were (a) that the first four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, allegedly used an instrument or some other unknown means or some other unknown means on Wong Yuk-fan on January 28 to procure a miscarriage and that fifth accused was an accessory before the fact in that he had counselled, procured or commanded the others to commit the offence; (b) that the same four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, allegedly used an instrument or some other unknown means on Lee Yui-mui on May 29 to procure a miscarriage; (c) that the first three accused had, with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, on divers dates between September 12, 1951, and May 30, 1952, conspired to procure abortions.

All the accused, pleaded not guilty and a Jury of six men and one woman was empanelled.

ON POINT OF LAW

Before the facts of the case were given by the Prosecution, Mr Winter made a preliminary submission on law. (This was done in the absence of the Jury.) Counsel said there were two substantive charges of abortion against his clients and added to these were a third charge of conspiracy. After quoting an authority in support of the submission he was making, Counsel said the charge of conspiracy rested mainly on the evidence which would be adduced on the two substantive charges and the Prosecution, if the charge of conspiracy was allowed to stand, would be entitled to introduce evidence which was solely evidence against the two accused who were not now before the Court. Counsel submitted that this would be prejudicial to the accused now on trial. He submitted that the third count should not be allowed to go to the Jury.

Opposing the application, Mr Li said the Crown was entitled to put in that count if there was evidence to support it. He submitted that the count would not operate as a prejudice against the accused. It was the allegation of the Prosecution that the accused were conspiring to procure abortions. Counsel said the Court took advantage of their position of having connections with the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Association's Free Clinic in Nathan Road to have contacts with people who intended to have miscarriages or to terminate their pregnancies.

Mr Li said that the three accused who were the daughters of the two missing accused looked part, one way or another, to assist in the carrying out of the abortions. Counsel said the evidence against them would be that they were in possession of certain documents or instruments useful in abortions. There was also evidence that first and second accused had gone to the clinic regularly and second accused in fact had stayed there at night. Such were not acts or deeds of the parents. He submitted that the count of conspiracy should be allowed to stand, but if his Lordship should rule against him, he asked that this count should be set aside but not dropped altogether.

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From the Files 100 Years Ago

A Special Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court was held on Saturday last, to try the Spanish seaman, Juan Garcia, for manslaughter. The prisoner, being penniless, would have been undefended, but for Mr Bridges, who volunteered his services gratuitously—a proceeding, though far from usual in England, and a matter of course in Scotland, hitherto unheard-of among the lawyers of Hongkong, but which, it is to be hoped, will be a precedent for others.

The evidence against the prisoner fully proved him to have stabbed the deceased, Samuel Balloch, but not until he had been entirely overpowered, and unable to offer any defence against his assailant. The prisoner, a small slim man a little over 5 feet in height, would appear to have been the butt of Balloch and others of his shipmates, and on the afternoon in which the struggle took place, was "growing at them for speaking about him." Balloch, egged on by a sinister-looking fellow of the name of Macintosh, struck Garcia a back-handed blow, which he returned, and then Balloch passed below the stay attacked him when a fight ensued, in which Garcia, being no match for his opponent, a man 5 feet 8 in height, and stout in proportion, was speedily overpowered. Balloch squeezing him up against the rail, where he held him by the hair, and continued striking him with his right fist. What wonder then that the poor fellow—thus belaboured by a big bully against whom it was impossible he could defend himself with his hands, his shipmates, and the second officer, who looked on, but did nothing—no resistance, but Macintosh encouraging Balloch in his cowardly assault—should have availed himself of the only weapon within his reach? and what man, Englishman or foreigner, would not have done the same.

NOT WITH INTENT

It cannot be said that the blow was struck "with intent to kill," for one of the witnesses, Wilson, the cook of the ship, said Garcia was attempting to shield his face with his left arm, when he drew his knife from his sheath, and struck his opponent from under his arm; the blow unfortunately taking effect in a fatal spot. It was shown that even before the Accused left Shields, Garcia had a dread of ill-usage from Balloch, who had repeatedly expressed a hatred towards Spanish sailors, having been, in fact, once confined in a Spanish prison; and so strong was the feeling of commiseration for the accused, that the jury, as we learn from one of their number, would have returned a unanimous verdict of acquittal, but for the law as laid down by the Judge. Law is law, but it is for the jury in such a case as this to declare what is justice—and as the man was accused of manslaughter, it seems to us they had only simply to say whether, looking to the evidence, the prisoner was in their opinion guilty or not guilty. Under direction they returned a verdict of guilty, but accompanied by a strong recommendation to mercy; and His Lordship passed upon the prisoner the mild sentence of six months imprisonment with hard labour.

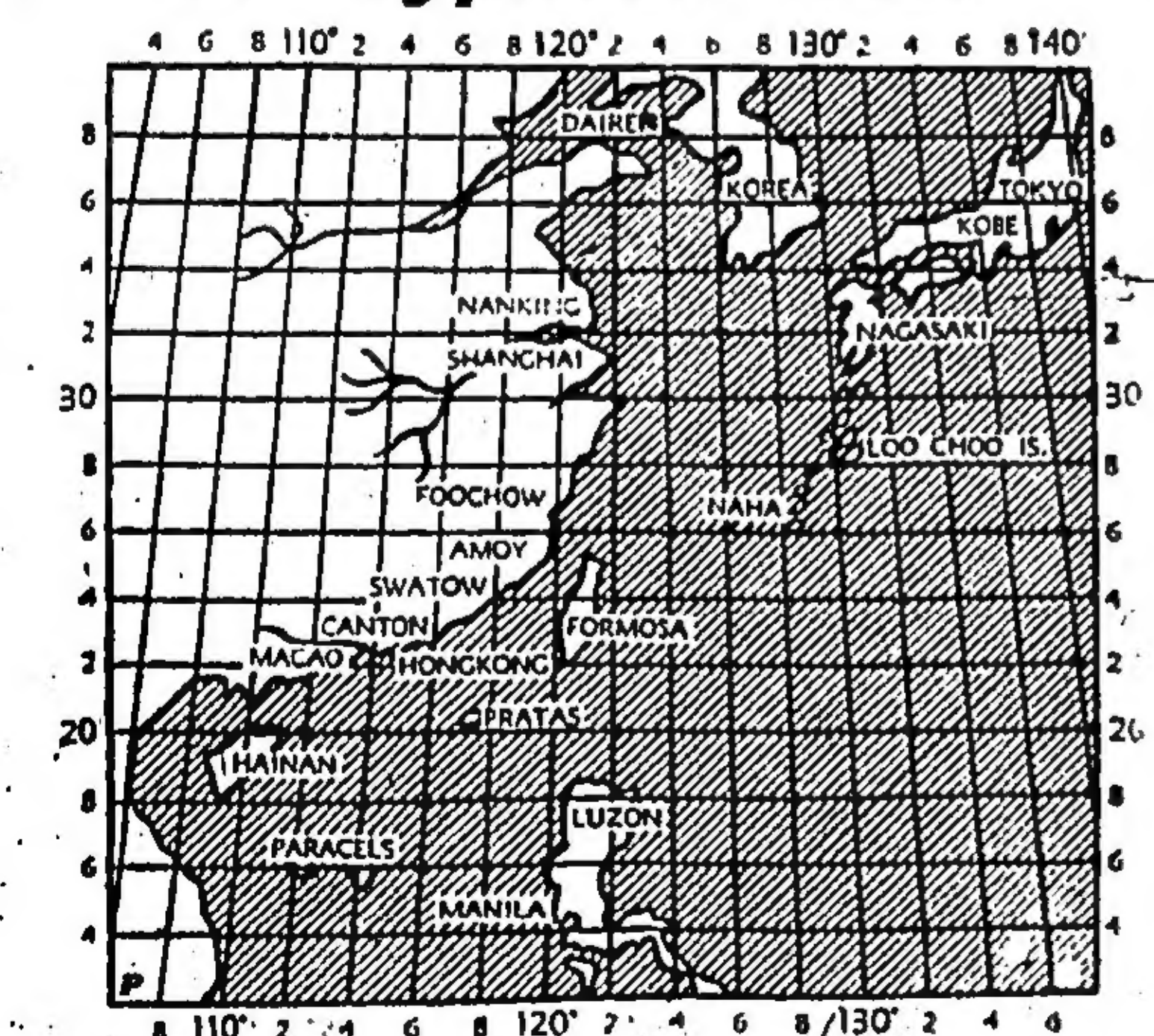
GOOD FEELING

The Attorney-General, throughout the trial, displayed much good feeling towards the prisoner, refraining from pressing the matter upon the jury, and acknowledging there were mitigating circumstances in the case; but he is a lawyer, and the law is the law, and he should have observed nothing to call for amelioration, or something more in the conduct and evidence of Macintosh, who, in the opinion of every bystander, had not been provoked, and whose assault which resulted so fatally, was committed purely in his evidence before the Court; or in the conduct of the second Mate, in not putting an end to an affair in which the combatants were so extremely unskilfully matched; especially as the Judge by his question to the witnesses, in effect, put the blame upon the character of Macintosh, who may be supposed to have been a bad character of the officers of the ship during the voyage, he has been prejudiced by the Marine Magistrate.

"We have heard a good deal about the necessity of making an example in cases of this kind, but while we condemn the prisoner, we cannot but be struck by the example of Garcia's six months imprisonment, we feel that a more lenient sentence would have been derived from that example."

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The Present Position Of Typhoon Tess



Manila, Sept. 21. The typhoon "Tess," which had weakened into a tropical depression, developed into a typhoon as it moved from Guam closer to the Philippines. The Weather Bureau forecasting centre located the typhoon about 800 miles east of

Logan City at 2 p.m. yesterday heading in the general direction of Luzon. Weathermen said "Tess" may intensify slightly while closing in on the mainland, affecting local weather conditions by Wednesday if it continued its present course.—United Press.

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